



Rising 5th Grade Summer Reading Assignment



Summer 2023



SUMMER 2023 WELCOME LETTER

Dear Entering 5th Grade Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Research shows that students often regress in their academic competencies over the summer. This regression reinforces the importance of reading over summer break. In Richland One, we consider reading the foundation for all learning. Therefore, our priority must be for all students to become good readers, instilling a lifelong love of reading.

Each student will receive a recommended list of titles and a summer reading assignment this year. All students are expected to participate in the summer assignment of reading at least two books. Students must choose two books from the summer reading list on the following pages. An overview of each book is provided. The selected titles can be checked out from your child's school or the Richland County Public Library. They are also available for purchase at Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

You will find the book list, summer reading assignment, and helpful active reading strategies in this booklet. Students should complete and turn in the assignment by August 31, 2023.

Creating good readers requires a collaborative partnership between families and schools. We are asking parents and guardians to become partners in this effort by providing time for their children to read each, ensuring their summer reading is completed.

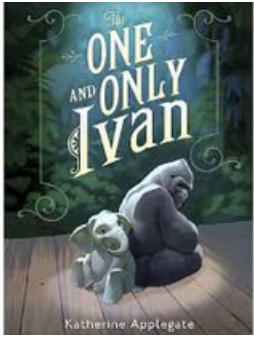
If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's school.

Have a nice summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.



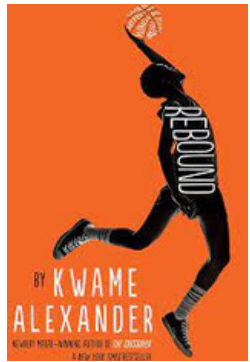
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 **Read two titles from below. For an additional challenge, choose additional titles to read.**



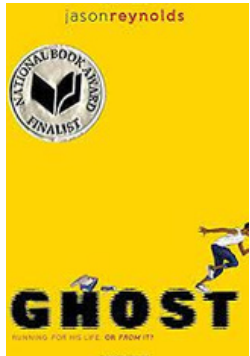
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate *(This book is part of a series.)*

Having spent twenty-seven years behind the glass walls of his enclosure in a shopping mall, Ivan has grown accustomed to humans watching him. He hardly ever thinks about his life in the jungle. Instead, Ivan occupies himself with television, his friends Stella and Bob, and painting. But when he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from the wild, he is forced to see their home, and his art, through new eyes.



Rebound by Kwame Alexander *(This book is part of a series.)*

Before Josh and Jordan Bell were streaking up and down the court, their father was learning his own moves. Chuck Bell takes center stage as readers get a glimpse of his childhood and how he became the jazz music worshipping, basketball star his sons look up to.



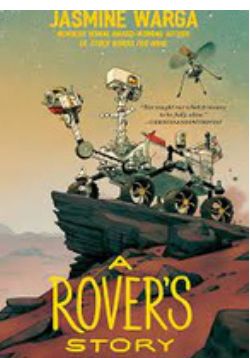
Ghost by Jason Reynolds

Ghost. Lu. Patina. Sunny. Four kids from wildly different backgrounds with personalities that are explosive when they clash. But they are also four kids chosen for an elite middle school track team—a team that could qualify them for the Junior Olympics if they can get their acts together. They all have a lot to lose, but they also have a lot to prove, not only to each other, but to themselves.



Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas

Bree can't wait for her first day at her new middle school, Enith Brigitha, home to the Mighty Manatees—until she's stuck with the only elective that fits her schedule, the dreaded Swim 101. The thought of swimming makes Bree more than a little queasy, yet she's forced to dive headfirst into one of her greatest fears. Lucky for her, Etta, an elderly occupant of her apartment building and former swim team captain, is willing to help.



A Rover's Story by Jasmine Warga

Meet Resilience, a Mars rover determined to live up to his name. Res was built to explore Mars. He was not built to have human emotions. But as he learns new things from the NASA scientists who assemble him, he begins to develop humanlike feelings.

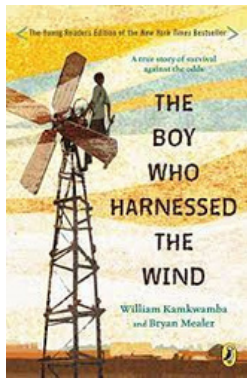
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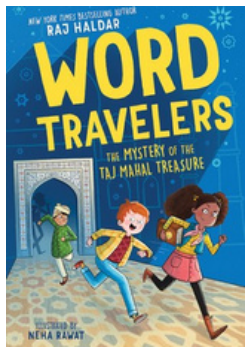
Sisters: A Graphic Novel by Raina Telgemeier (*This book is part of a series.*)

Raina can't wait to be a big sister. But once Amara is born, things aren't quite how she expected them to be. Amara is cute, but she's also a cranky, grouchy baby, and mostly prefers to play by herself. Their relationship doesn't improve much over the years, but when a baby brother enters the picture and later, something doesn't seem right between their parents, they realize they must figure out how to get along. They are sisters, after all.



The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba

When a terrible drought struck William Kamkwamba's tiny village in Malawi, his family lost all of the season's crops, leaving them with nothing to eat and nothing to sell. William began to explore science books in his village library, looking for a solution. There, he came up with the idea that would change his family's life forever: he could build a windmill. Made out of scrap metal and old bicycle parts, William's windmill brought electricity to his home and helped his family pump the water they needed to farm the land.



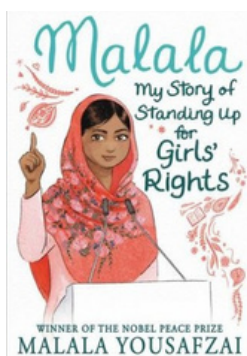
World Travelers and the Taj Mahal Mystery by Raj Haldar

Eddie and Molly-Jean are next door neighbors and best friends. One Saturday, Eddie's mom sends him up to the attic to get his great-grandpa's most prized possession (a book, of course). Eddie and Molly-Jean are suddenly transported to India where they must use their word knowledge to solve a mystery and help a new friend save his school.



Ultimate Shark Rumble (Who Would Win?) by Jerry Pallotta

Sixteen different sharks battle it out in a huge underwater fight Who will be the champion? This nonfiction reader compares and contrasts 16 ferocious sharks. Readers will learn about each animal's anatomy, behavior, and more. Then compare and contrast the battling animals before finally discovering the winner This nonfiction series is full of facts, photos, and realistic illustrations, and it includes a range of mammals, sea creatures, insects, and dinosaurs to satisfy all kinds of animal fans.



Malala: My Story of Standing Up for Girls' Rights by Malala Yousafzai

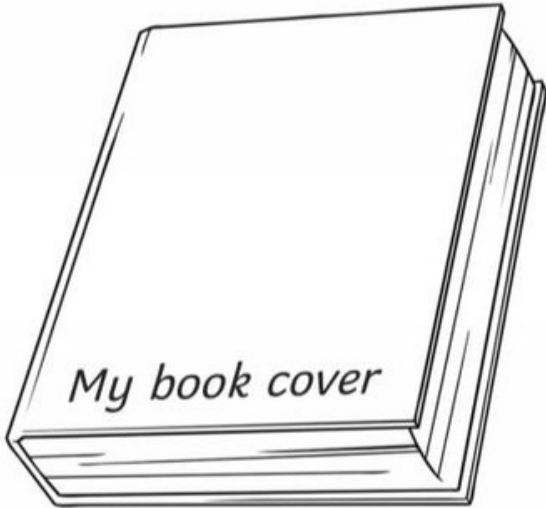
Raised in a changing Pakistan by an enlightened father from a poor background and a beautiful, illiterate mother, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. Her story of bravery and determination in the face of extremism is more timely than ever.

Active Reading Strategies



Predict	Try to figure out what information will come next and how the selection might end.
Visualize	Imagine the images you see as the author describes them. Use the details from the text to create a visual image.
Clarify	Summarize/explain what you have read.
Question	Ask questions about the text.
Connect	Connect personally with what you are reading. Think of similarities between the descriptions in the text selection and what you have personally experienced, seen, heard, or previously read.
Evaluate	Form opinions about what you've read.

Book Review



Plot

Event 1 _____

Event 2 _____

Event 3 _____

Cause and Effect of one of the events in the book

Cause



Effect

My Star Rating



Why I rated the book _____ stars

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Author _____

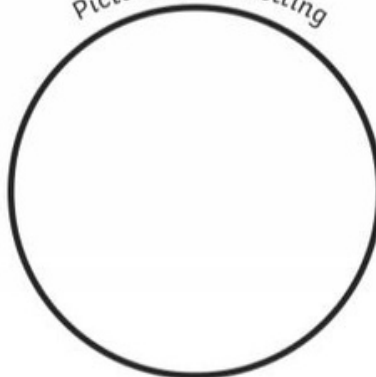
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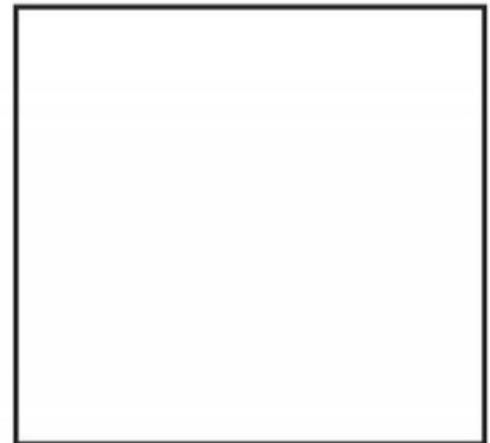
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Setting

Picture of the setting



Character



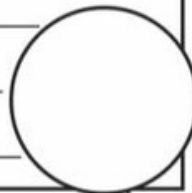
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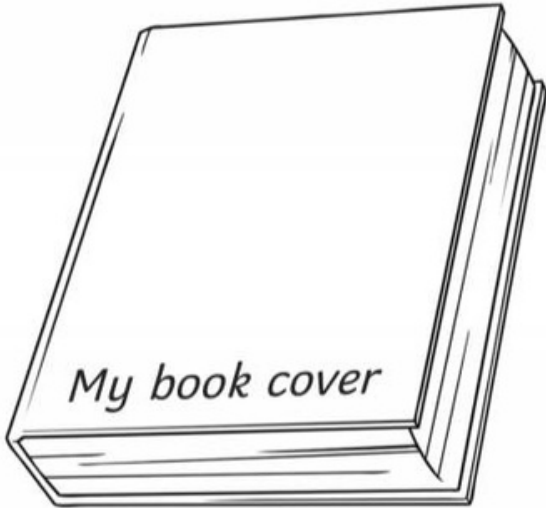
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How I feel about this character and why: _____

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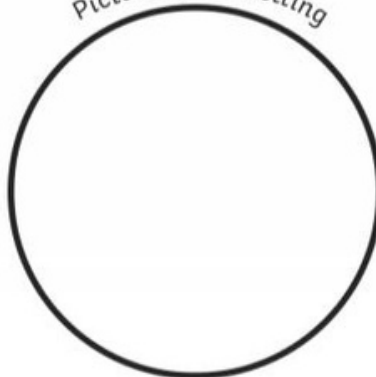
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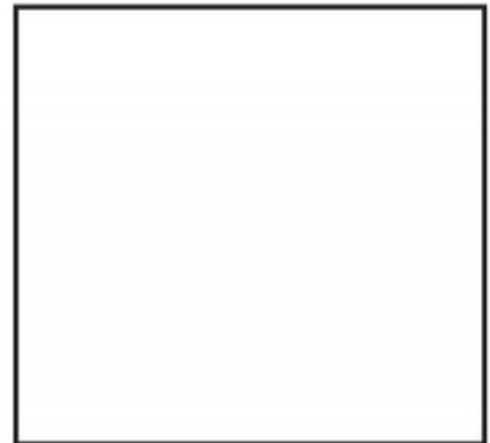
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