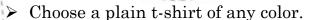
The ability to read is a fundamental life skill. Reading can also be one of the most rewarding and pleasurable activities in which we engage. With guidance from the Learning Commons and our English/Language Arts departments, MCA has set a goal to encourage students to appreciate and enjoy quality literature and reading. As such, during the summer, students are given one book at each grade level that all are required to read and review. Please see below for your specific assignment. Happy reading!

- I. Welcome to 5th Grade Language Arts! 5th grade Language Arts class incorporates literature circles, writing, spelling, and grammar. It also explores literary analysis, expository writing, creative writing, and poetry analysis. It includes extensive vocabulary development and an opportunity to write an MLA research paper. There is also a focus on proper mechanics and grammar through a variety of activities. Further, students will use critical-thinking skills while reading a variety of literature that encompasses different genres and literary devices.
- II. This summer you will be completing summer reading which has two parts:
 - a. Part I: Read a minimum of 1,800 minutes from June 3 to August 27, 2023. At the end of the summer, parents or students are required to log their total summer reading minutes.
 - i. Minutes are logged at the following link and must be completed by Friday, September 1, 2023.
 - 1. https://forms.office.com/r/mTyukZbMTu
 - ii. The reading mentioned in part II (below) can be counted toward the required minutes.
 - b. Part II: Read one book of your choice from the following list and complete accompanying assignment:
 - From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
 - The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
 - The Library Card by Jerry Spinelli
 - No Talking by Andrew Clements
 - Old Yeller by Fred Gibson
- III. Either as you read or after you have read, you will create a t-shirt or poster book report by following the instructions attached below.
- IV. This assignment will be due on Friday, September 1.

If you would like to read more than your required summer reading, additional titles/reading lists are available on MCA's website.

Get Creative!!



Write on the shirt, add pictures, glue things onto it that represent the book. Your t-shirt or poster must include:

- 1. **Front**: this should be a replica or remake of your book's cover. Be sure to include the title and author!
- 2. **Right Sleeve**: include information on main and supporting characters. Have a drawing/picture of your main character.
- 3. **Left Sleeve**: include information on the setting. Have a drawing/picture of the main setting.
- 4. **Back**: Use words and images to illustrate your favorite scene from the book. Also include your favorite quote and a summary of the book.
- 5. **Summary:** type a single paragraph summary of the story (without giving away the ending). Include the book title, author, characters, setting, and plot.

Example:





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