

5th Grade Summer Reading

This summer, all incoming fifth graders will need to read *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt. Students are free to purchase the book, or they can borrow it from the library. We will be using the book in class at the beginning of the school year, so if it is borrowed, please make sure you will have it for the first couple weeks of school.

In addition to reading the novel, students need to complete 3 activities from this choice board.

Friendly letter. Select a character and write a friendly letter from his/her perspective to another character in the book.	Select a character and create an acrostic poem (first and last name) that shows examples of that character's personality traits shown in the book.	Illustrate an important plot event and write a description of what is happening and explain why this event is important to the story.
Identify the theme of this story. How does the author use time, place, and character to get this theme across to the reader? Write a paragraph to explain.	Make a prediction about what happens after the story is over. Write a final chapter of the book.	Draw a comic that shows the sequence of events in the story.
Create a test for this book. Include 10 questions and be sure to provide an answer key.	Words are powerful. Identify specific words the author uses to add to the story (at least 10) tell what they mean and how they help the reader understand the meaning of the story.	Make connections. Compare and contrast this story to another one that you have read, this story to your own life, or any character to yourself. Make a Venn diagram.

This assignment will be collected during the first week of school, so make sure it is completed over the break.

See you in the fall!

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