

Dear Parents and Students,

This letter is to inform you of the incoming fifth grade summer reading assignment. The rising fifth graders should read at least two grade-level appropriate books. Although I am assigning two books to read, hopefully the future fifth graders will read more than two books this summer. Research has shown that students who continue to read over the summer months do perform better when school resumes in August.

The first assignment is to read, *THE CHOCOLATE TOUCH* by Patrick Skene Catling. This light and silly book will provide a reference point during the beginning of the school year as I introduce or review literary skills and reading strategies. There will also be a fun chocolate activity. As this book is read, take notes using post-it notes or paper about the characters (John Midas) and the major events. This would be a great idea to help you remember these events for the class discussions and activities in August. After the book is finished, write a friendly letter. Pretend that you are John Midas, the main character, and write a friendly letter to another character from another book. As you plan to write this friendly letter, think about what these characters have in common. Also, what information would John Midas give to this other character? The friendly letter must contain at least three paragraphs. This letter must be turned in by the first day of school, **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23.**

The second assignment is to read a grade-level book of your choosing. Enjoy reading the book. You will need to take an A.R. test on this book. The goal for the first trimester is to have 25 A.R. points. I hope the future fifth graders will have a restful summer and enjoy reading these books. I look forward to the rising fifth graders' discussions and comments about the books read when school begins in August.

Enjoy reading,

Mrs. Richter

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I have received and read the Summer Reading Assignment for the future fifth graders.

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Student Name

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Parent Signature