

Palmetto Christian Academy
2010 Summer Reading List
Rising 5th Grade

The specific guideline for 5th grade is listed below. Extra credit will be given for any book read beyond the requirements listed here.

Rising 5th Graders

Students will read two books from the list below; each student will read *The Trumpet of the Swan* by E. B. White, which will be discussed during the first week of school. The student will then choose a book from the 5th grade list for the second book. Each student will complete a summer reading card for both books read. Instructions for completing the cards are included. All cards will be collected the first week of school. The cards will be graded on the following criteria: neatness, (print or cursive) following directions, and completeness of specified information.

The Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White
Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry
Gentle Ben by Walt Morey
Swiss Family Robinson by Johann Wyss
The Young Pitcher by Zane Grey
Old Yeller by Fred Gipson
Skylark by Patricia MacLachlan
Where the River Begins by Patricia St. John

Summer Reading Card Format Instructions

What information is required for the report?

1. Basic Information: the student will provide his/her name, grade, Language Arts teacher, title of book and the author, number of pages in the book, the genre or type of book read, and a parent(s) signature verifying that the book was read at the time of the report.
2. Plot Summary: this information will be provided in narrative form using complete sentences. The student will provide the basic plot of the book. Generally, this information will take approximately 3 - 6 sentences.
3. Setting: the student will provide the time and place of the book.
4. Main Characters: the student will identify the protagonist(s) (leading character), antagonist(s) (the adversary or opponent), and other main characters.
5. Theme: the students will provide the central idea(s) which gives the book meaning. In other words, how do the characters and plot focus on some truth(s) that should be learned?
6. Main Conflict/Resolution: the student will provide the main conflict(s) in the book. A conflict is the problem to be solved in the book, or the idea, force or person that creates opposition in the book. Provide both the conflict and how it is resolved.

Summer Reading Instructions

The student will complete this report on a 5x8 index card. In some cases, a student may need to use more than one index card. Reports done on notebook paper will not be accepted, even if the notebook paper is cut to the right size. The example below shows all of the information using both sides of one 5x8 index card.

Name _____	Grade _____	English Teacher _____
Title of Book _____	Author _____	
Type of Book _____	Number of Pages _____	
Parent Signature _____		
Plot Summary:		

Setting:
Main Characters:
Protagonist:
Antagonist:
Other:
Theme:
Main Conflict(s):
Conflict Resolution(s):