

WEST SAYVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
SUMMER READING PROGRAM  
EXTRA CREDIT READING  
GRADES 5 & 6

Dear Students:

You can earn an extra quiz grade on your first quarter grade in English for next year by completing a book report activity off the enclosed list. This assignment list is for the extra credit report. You must pick one book off the book list for grades 5-6. Failure to do so will result in several points deducted from your final grade for this project. These activities should be handed in on the first full day of school. The following projects may be chosen for the book report:

1. As you read the book, keep a reading journal for each chapter of the book. After you read a chapter, write in your journal. **DO NOT RETELL WHAT HAPPENS IN THE BOOK.** Instead, date the entry, and write about what you think or feel about a character or what you think about what has happened. Each entry should be a minimum of five sentences long.
2. Draw significant objects from the book and construct them as a mobile. Make sure that included somehow in the mobile are the title and author of the book.
3. Compose a limerick or haiku about your book.
4. Create a time line of the book's events. Illustrate it as best as possible.
5. Become one of the minor characters and describe the main character. Identify who you are and how you "know" the main character.
6. Write a biography of one of the main characters. If all the information on the character is not in the book, you may add three characteristics not mentioned in the book, BUT they must fit with what is in the book. Underline the parts that you made up.
7. Prepare an original book jacket for the book. Provide the title and author of the book as well as some illustration that is somehow related to the book. For the back cover, prepare some description of the book that will urge someone in a bookstore to want to pick it up and buy the book. Be creative!
8. Become the author and tell why you wrote the book. What gave you the idea for the book? Whom do you expect to read your book? Why would they want to read it? What is the "message" that you want your book to get across to the reader?
9. Rewrite the ending of the book. It must represent true Christian ethics. For example, if someone steals something in the original story, how does the story change if they don't steal it?