



LAKWOOD
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2010 Summer Reading Program

Grades 5 & 6

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Summer Reading can be a form of entertainment on both the hot, lazy days as well as the cool and rainy days of summer. A book can take you to another time or place! The books listed for your summer reading range from comedy and drama to science fiction and history. Choose the genre that interests you most and then select the project that fits your story. Most books are relatively short, but are rich with meaning. Please use comprehension strategies and literature circle questioning to help respond to the books in your projects. Use your bookmarks or personal reference books to help you remember the strategies.

Choose one of the three projects listed below to respond to your story.

1. Write a postcard from your character.

The postcard must relate the story you read.

Remember the story elements and start at the introduction, then follow with rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution. The front of the postcard should have a colored drawing of an important setting from the book.

2. Write a book review.

Write a book review that includes the name of the book and the author, including an illustrator if there is one. The genre and plot should be explained but **DO NOT GIVE AWAY THE ENDING**. The review should be three paragraphs long with the last paragraph explaining your impression of the book:

*What did you like or dislike?

*Who would find it interesting?

*Did you think the author explained the story? Why or why not?

3. Create a doodle/picture presentation of your story.

As you read, doodle or draw pictures of the important events. Use captions to help explain. This can be done in a booklet style format. Use three blank pages and fold them in half to form a small book. Illustrate the front cover with a drawing of the setting, antagonist and protagonist of the story (do not copy and paste a picture of the book from the internet). Inside the booklet will be the events of the story in sequential order including introduction, rising action, climax, falling action and resolution. This doodle story should be detailed enough so that someone could determine the plot by reading through the booklet.

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Beastly - Alex Flinn (conceited boy has a spell put on him)

Football Genius - Tim Green (football hero)

Peak - Roland Smith (climbing Mt. Everest for punishment)

Schooled - Gordon Korman (a boy raised by a hippy grandma)

Cezanne Pinto: A Memoir - Mary Stolz (a slave remembers-1800's)

Feathers - Jacqueline Woodson (tolerance and hope)

A Season of Gifts - Richard Peck (1958 hardship and giving)

When You Reach Me - Rebecca Stead (mystery in New York neighborhood)

The Trading Game - Alfred Slote (funny-baseball card collecting)

The Invention of Hugo Cabret - Brian Selznick (survival and hardship)

Drift House: The First Voyage - Dale Peck (adventure-pirates and mermaids)

A Book from Percy Jackson Series - Rick Riordan (magic/Egyptian gods)

A Book from the Clique Series - Lisi Harrison (girls' relationships)