

## Gloucester Middle School Summer Reading Assignment

### Students Entering Fifth

Summer reading is a very important activity for the Gloucester City school system's students. Because of district concern for our students' reading abilities, which are reflected in their class work and standardized test scores, the district has summer reading requirements for all grade levels.

Students entering fifth grade in September will be assigned one book as required reading during the summer. **Be advised that the book your child brings home MUST be returned in good condition in September, or you will be required to pay for them.** After reading the book chosen the student will be required to do a project or book report to show they read and understood the book. This assessment should be returned to school by the end of the first full week of school and will count as one language classwork grade for the first marking period. Attached is a list of suggested projects that your child could do, but feel free to have your child do something not on the list. In addition, attached is a copy of the rubric which will be used to assess your child's project. This rubric lists the specific information that must be included in any project or book report.

We cannot stress enough the importance of the development of students' reading ability. In today's modern world, reading is the key to success in every aspect of life. The Gloucester City school system is committed to doing everything possible to build our students' reading abilities, but we must have the help and commitment of parents in order to do so effectively. Students need to read during the summer and not "take a vacation" from this crucial skill. It is also a good idea to encourage your child to read other books (especially those on the suggested reading lists) on his or her own as well.

We thank you advance for you cooperation. If you have any questions, you may call the school office at 456-7000, ext. 4026 or the district's curriculum office at ext. 1550.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Title Choose one book	Author
Wonder	RJ Palacio
Old Yeller	Fred Gipson

## Summer Reading Project

### Project

Below is a list of suggested projects that your child could complete following the reading of their summer reading book. This is a list of suggestion; feel free to complete an alternate project that is not included on this list.

- Make a cube depicting parts of the story
- Make a diorama or a mobile
- Make a poster to “sell” the story
- Design a book jacket
- Make a collage
- Make a banner
- Draw a mural
- Complete a story map for the story (also attached)

### Project Requirements

Please remember that all projects must include the requirements listed on the below:

#### Content:

- Author & Illustrator (5 points)
- Title of the book (5 points)
- Setting (5 points)
- Main character(s) (5 points)
- Adjectives to describe one characters (5 points)
- Events in story (include a beginning, middle and end):
  - Beginning (10 points)
  - Middle (10 points)
  - End (10 points)
- Opinion of story (10 points)
- Student’s name on project (5 points)

#### Written Response:

- Capitalization (5 points)
- Punctuation (5 points)
- Complete sentences containing at least six words (10 points)
- Neatness (5 points)
- Spelling (5 points)



# MY READING RESPONSE WEB



By \_\_\_\_\_

## MAIN IDEA

Write the main idea or message of the story here

## PLOT

Retail the plot in a few sentences here.

## BLURB

Write a blurb to "sell" your book here

## CHARACTER

Describe your favorite character here.

## BOOK

Draw or paste a picture of the book cover here.

## PROBLEM

Tell about the story's main problem here.

## SETTING

Describe a main place the story happens here.

## SOLUTION

Tell how that problem was solved here.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONAL RESPONSE

### Emotion

Tell about how the story made you feel here.

### Connection

Tell what the story reminds you of here

### Rating

I would give this book \_\_\_\_\_ stars.



## QUICKTAKES

### Surprise

Something that surprised me about the story was \_\_\_\_\_

### Recommendation

I would recommend this book to \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

### Vocabulary

A word I learned from the story is \_\_\_\_\_ It means \_\_\_\_\_

