

Luther Porter Jackson Middle School

2019 Summer Reading Program



Dear Incoming 5th Grade/Rising 6th Grade Students and Parents,

It is important for our students to prevent the "summer slide" by reading throughout the summer. Research has proven that the "summer slide" can cause students to lose one to two reading levels over the course of a summer break.

Luther Porter Jackson Middle School is dedicated to making reading and writing top priorities for your child. In order to maintain these skills, we have created the summer reading program. This program requires all students to read one book from their grade level book list and complete the assignment(s) for their grade level.

Project Requirements for all grade levels:

- Be sure to follow directions carefully
- No plagiarism (**Plagiarism will result in a zero grade and a disciplinary referral**)
- You may be asked to do a short presentation
- Grades will be based on amount of effort, depth of insight, accuracy, creativity/originality, grammar, punctuation, spelling, and neatness

We look forward to a great summer of reading!

LPJ English Department

Book List: Incoming 5th Grade and Rising 6th Grade

1. The Bad Beginning by Daniel Handler* (LPJ library)
2. Blubber by Judy Blume (LPJ library)
3. Wonder by RJ Palacio
4. Holes by Louis Sachar* (LPJ library)
5. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone J.K. Rowling* (LPJ library)
6. The Incurable Children of Ashton Place: Book I: The Mysterious Howling by Maryrose Wood*
7. Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt*
8. Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls*
9. The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs by Betty G. Birney
10. 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne
11. Redwall by Brian Jacques*
12. The Book Thief by Markus Zusak*
13. The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy by Jeanne Birdsall*
14. Watership Down by Richard Adams*

Choose ONE of the choices below to complete based on your novel. Your choice is worth a Test grade so make sure your choice represents a test grade worth of effort.

1. **Create a Mobile** of items related to the novel. Select at least 10 items that represent people, places or events in the story and hang them on a hanger with yarn or string. Write a key that explains the items and why you choose them.
2. **Create a Collage** to represent the novel. Include at least 10 illustrations, pictures or photos. Put them on poster board. On the back, write a key describing each item on the collage and its importance or connection to the story. Cover empty space with important quotation (cite the page #s).
3. **Create a Book in a Bag**. Choose 10 items that represent people, places or events in the novel and put them in your bag. Write a key describing each item and its importance to the book. Be prepared to present this one.
4. **Create an Interview** between you and a character from the novel. Write 10 questions to ask the character. Then write the answers the way you think the character would answer. Be prepared to present this one.
5. **Create a Board or Card Game** about the novel. Include details about the setting, characters, and plot. Include instructions, rules, game pieces, cards, spinners, dice needed to play.
6. **Create a Diary** of one of the character from the novel. Write a minimum of 6 entries as if you are the character. Diary entries should be at least 10 sentences each.
7. **Create an Illustrated Timeline** of at least 10 important events from the novel. Write a description and draw a color illustration for each event. Events should be placed on the timeline in the order that they occur in the story.

8. **Illustrate Four Important Scenes** from the novel. Drawings should be colored and include a detailed written description of what each drawing represents.
9. **Create a Travel Brochure** for the novel. Make a colorful brochure based on the setting of the book. Give reasons why people should want to visit this location and describe what occurred in this location in the book.
10. **Send 4 Postcards** from one of the characters in your novel to your teacher. On the back of the postcard write a short summary of an important event from the story from the character's point of view. On the front, illustrate that event.
11. **Create a Picture Book** version of your novel. Rewrite the book for a kindergarten or 1st grade audience. Use short, age appropriate words that can be understood easily. Illustrate each page to go along with the story. This one is fun so make it fun for kids.
12. **Create a PowerPoint** presentation about your novel. Your PPT should include a minimum of 10 slides and include information such as title, author, plot outline, setting, character descriptions, favorite part of the book, book reviews, and facts that you have learned.

DUE DATE: September 6, 2019