

June 10, 2011

Dear Parents and Future 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students,

We have decided to require summer reading this year to help students maintain their present reading level throughout the summer, and to ensure that they are ready to jump right into 5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum this fall! This summer, your child will be required to read two of the following novels for our Summer Reading Program.

- *Cam Jansen and the Mystery at the Haunted House* (Grade level 3.5)

- *The Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson* (Grade level 3.8)

- *Celery Stalks at Midnight* (Grade level 4.8)

- *Bunnicula* (Grade level 4.9)

- *Holes* (Grade level 5.2)

- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (Grade level 5.9)

\*After reading each novel, write a "book review," answering the following questions in paragraph form\*

1. Did you like this novel, why or why not?
2. Would you recommend this novel to a friend, why or why not?
3. Who is your favorite character and why?
4. What was your favorite part of the novel?
5. What was your least favorite part of the novel?

The book reviews will be collected the first week of school, so please make sure you keep them somewhere safe when you finish!

We hope you have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to a great school year in the fall!

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers