



Summer Reading

5th Grade



Summer is a wonderful time to read! It helps expand vocabulary and strengthen comprehension. Incoming 5th graders are required to read The Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dustin Bowling. Aside from reading the novel students have a choice to complete **one** of the following assignments:

Choice One: Letter to My Teacher

For this task, students will compose a letter to their teacher describing the book. This letter should include the following components:

- Introduction to the book: Title and Author
- Summary: a brief description describing the characters, plot and resolution
- Personal opinion: a paragraph detailing personal thoughts about the book
- Did you enjoy the book? Why or why not?
- Would you recommend it to a friend?
- The assignment **must** be typed on 12 inch font

Choice Two: Make an advertisement to persuade people to buy and read your book. On a separate sheet of paper or poster, write down an exciting summary of the book and why people should buy/ read the book. Create an image that would catch someone's eye.

Assignments will be collected by their Language Arts/Reading teacher on August 23rd. Please keep in mind that this will be a graded assignment. Students will also be able to take an AR test.

