

Dear Parents and Upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> Graders,

My name is Courtney Ryan and I am the current fifth grade teacher at St. Francis of Assisi School. A mother of four and grandmother of two, I live in Groton, MA with my husband of almost thirty years! I have two dogs, Macy and Rudy. This summer I will be going back and forth from Groton to our cottage in Maine. Some of my past times include crocheting, reading on the beach and driving my boat on the Saco River. My favorite past time is spending time with all my family!

It was nice to meet my new fifth graders the other day! When we met we discussed some of my expectations and I handed out the summer work and reading log. The summer book report is mandatory and I have enclosed that in this message. It will count as a reading grade and it will be presented to the class. I have asked my students to read every day for 20 minutes. You may want to make copies of that reading log to make sure you have enough room. If the students read at least three times per week all summer long they will get a prize from Mrs. Ryan. Reading will help keep the kiddos fresh and will help keep the learning going and stop the loss of knowledge and skills learned this past year.

I also asked the kids to help keep sharp in math by working online or in a summer bridge workbook. It is imperative that the children know their multiplication facts since the math topics will get more rigorous as the year goes on. By knowing the multiplication facts with automaticity, it will help them focus on the new math skill they are learning.

Thank you in advance for your help and support. I look forward to getting to know all of you next year! Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns as I will check my email periodically this summer.

Sincerely,

***Mrs. Courtney Ryan***





Dear Parents,

I have put this reading packet together to help encourage summer reading. Please help your child this summer by encouraging them to read every day for at least 20 minutes.

Students who read every day for 20 minutes over the summer will have read for over 1,500 minutes during their entire summer.

The short and sweet book reports in this packet will also keep your child accountable and thinking about critical reading concepts over the summer.

I encourage you to take an active part in your child's learning and use this packet to help them stay on track and motivated to keep reading.

Happy Summer!





# READING LOG

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# MINUTE TRACKER

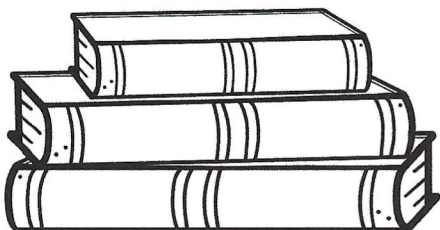
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I've read a total of  
\_\_\_\_\_ minutes!



# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

How many of these challenges can you complete over the summer?! Once you have completed a challenge, color in the picture. See if you can finish all of them!

<p>Read on vacation</p> 	<p>Read under a table</p> 	<p>Read at the beach</p> 	<p>Read on a rainy day</p> 
<p>Read aloud with a funny accent</p> 	<p>Read with a flashlight</p> 	<p>Read to a pet</p> 	<p>Read a magazine</p> 
<p>Read at the library</p> 	<p>Read at the pool</p> 	<p>Read in bed</p> 	<p>Read on an airplane</p> 
<p>Read to a stuffed animal</p> 	<p>Read in the car</p> 	<p>Read while eating ice cream</p> 	<p>Read with a friend</p> 

Dear Fifth Grade Families,

Please find your summer assignment for below.

Please complete a book review for *at least* one book, but you may certainly do more if you'd like!

We'll present our book reviews in the first few days of school. Make sure you draw a picture in the box of something that happened in your book, but remember, no spoilers!

Also, please practice math facts over the summer. A great resource is XtraMath.org, but feel free to practice however you'd like! Once the initial assessment is done, this only takes minutes a day. If you stay sharp in your reading and math facts over the summer, the transition to Fifth Grade will be a smooth one!

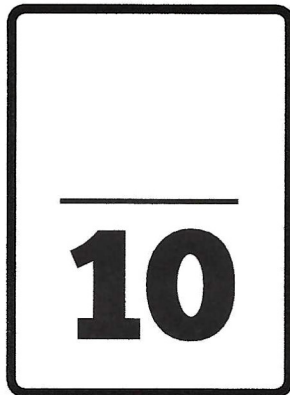
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# Book Review

**TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

## MY SCORE

- 10 Loved it!
- 7 Pretty Good
- 5 Just Ok
- 3 Pretty Bad
- 1 Hated it!



A large rectangular area with a dashed border, intended for a book cover or additional notes.

What it's all about (no spoilers!):

Four horizontal lines for writing the book's description.

What I liked (or) didn't like about this book:

Four horizontal lines for writing likes or dislikes.

Would I recommend this book? Why/Why not:

Three horizontal lines for writing a recommendation.