



Dear Fifth Grader,

Your marvelous journey into fifth grade is about to begin!

Your summer reading project is to read the book The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo. This is a great fiction novel that we really think you will enjoy. Once you have read this fantasy filled story, please complete the attached assignment. Make sure you proofread and edit your work. If you would like to get even more involved in reading the novel, there are many great websites that have reading guides for each chapter.

Be sure to start the year off right and come to school on the first day prepared with your reading assignment. Remember, effort counts!

We hope that you have a relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation. We look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,

Your Fifth Grade Teachers

Grade 5 Summer Reading Assignment: Your goal is to make an interesting poster about this amazing story!

1. **VISUALIZE:** On the left side of the(11”X18”) white construction paper:
This story has many different settings. Illustrate the scene from the book that you think is the most important and write a caption for it. Draw as many details as you pictured in your mind as you read the story. Make it colorful and neat!

2. **RESPONDING:** Attach to the right side of the(11”X18”) white construction paper:
Please type your responses to the questions below. Be sure to include your full name on the assignment. You must use size 12 or 14 size font. Make sure you use all of the great paragraph writing strategies that you learned in 4th grade.

- Paragraph 1: A character trait is a distinguishing quality of a character that affects how they think, feel, and behave. What are the main character’s (Edward) traits? Name at least 3 traits and provide evidence from the text to support these traits. Be sure to think about his actions, thoughts and words.
- Paragraph 2: The “theme” is the message/lesson that the author wants you to learn. What is the most important theme in The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane? Why? Be sure to provide text evidence to support your reasons.

Remember to...

- *Create clear TOPIC SENTENCES.
- *Include specific, relevant text-based details to support your answers.
- *Use transition words (First, Next, Then, Finally, In conclusion,).
- *Check your spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.

Your projects will be shared and displayed in our classroom in September!