



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 the 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.

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

Sincerely,

Your Fifth Grade Teachers

Your Grade 5 Summer Reading Assignment:

1. VISUALIZE: On the left side of (11”X18”) white construction paper:

illustrate a scene from the book and write a caption for it. Include the book’s title and your name on the top. Draw as many details as you pictured in your mind as you read the story. Include the many settings. Make it colorful and neat.

2. RESPONDING: Please type your responses to the questions below. Be sure to include your full name on the assignment. Please use size 12 or 14 font. Be sure to use all of the great writing strategies you learned in 4th

grade. Attach to the right side of (11”X18”) white construction paper: ●

What are the main character’s (Edward) traits? Be sure to name at least 3 and provide evidence from the text to support these words. Be sure to think about his actions, thoughts and words.

- What is one of the themes in The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane? Be sure to provide text evidence to support your theme. Remember that “theme” is the message/lesson that the author wants you to learn.

*Create clear TOPIC SENTENCES

*Include specific, relevant text-based details to support your answer

*Use transition words (First, Next, Then, Finally, In conclusion,...)

*Include CONCLUSION SENTENCES

*Check your spelling, capitalization, and punctuation

Remember...effort counts!

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