

Dear Rising 6th Graders,

Congratulations on completing your Fifth Grade year! We hope your summer is filled with excitement and the long needed break you deserve. While you are vacationing, or enjoying the comfort of sleeping an extra hour or two, we do not want you to forget the ability to appreciate a wonderful book. St. Bonaventure has high expectations for students' literacy development. All students must complete summer reading activities **before** their Sixth Grade year begins. This assignment is due **Friday, September 1st, 2023** **AND** will count as a grade for English Language Arts. In addition to the assignment below, you will take an AR Test on the book the week we return to school.

If you have read one of the books below and would like to re-read it, that is perfectly fine as long as you have not taken the AR quiz on it.

You will need to choose **TWO** of the options below for your assignment.

- Write an original poem or song lyrics that connect to your novel. Focus on the plot, characters, and/or personal connections you have with the novel. (***30 lines or longer**)
- Examine a character from the book, and write a letter from the viewpoint of the characters to another character in the novel. Letters need to be **at least one full page** and should be in a letter format including greeting, body and salutation. On a separate page, in a paragraph include an explanation as to why you chose the characters you did and how your letter adds insight into the story.
- Write a letter to the author of your chosen novel. Explain what you liked and/or disliked, ask any questions you have about the story/characters, explain what you would have changed if you were the author, and mention at least one thing you will always remember about this novel and why. (***at least one full page and written in letter format**)
- Create an **original** (meaning one you create on your own- not one that already exists) illustrated book cover for your novel. Include a summary of **8-12 sentences (no more, no less)** of the story that describes the main character and the central conflict. *Your illustration will need to be outlined in black pen, colored fully with colored pencils- no markers.*
- Create a cartoon/storyboard (**minimum of 8 panels**) based on your novel. Focus on pivotal events and put them in chronological order. *Your cartoon / storyboard will need to be outlined in black pen, colored fully with colored pencils- no markers.*

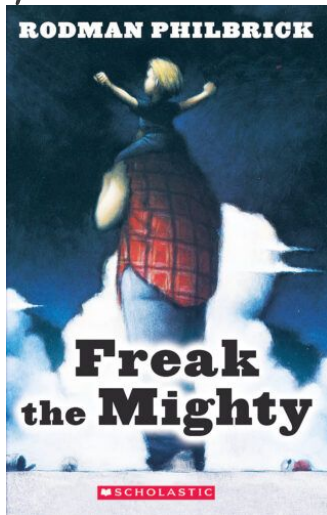
Meet the Books

From the options below, select one to complete your summer reading assignment

Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

Freak is a tiny genius in a disabled body, while Max is huge and a slow learner. Together they make one mighty warrior!

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The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

A mystery in which the 16 heirs to Sam Westing's fortune assemble at the Sunset Towers Apartment building where they're organized into pairs and charged with solving a puzzle. The heirs are hoping to gain control of his business and win millions of dollars.

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Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

As the German troops begin their campaign to 'relocate' all the Jews of Denmark, Annemarie Johansen's family takes in Annemarie's best friend, Ellen Rosen, and conceals her as part of the family.

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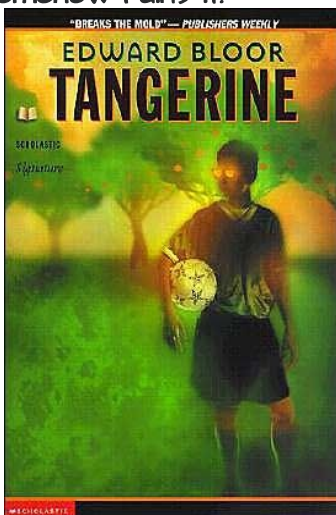


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Tangerine by Edward Bloor

It is coming-of-age story, and details the experiences of twelve-year-old Paul Fisher after his family moves to Tangerine County, Florida. Paul is always in his older brother Erik's shadow. While Paul plays soccer, Erik is set to earn scholarships for football, unless he somehow ruins it.

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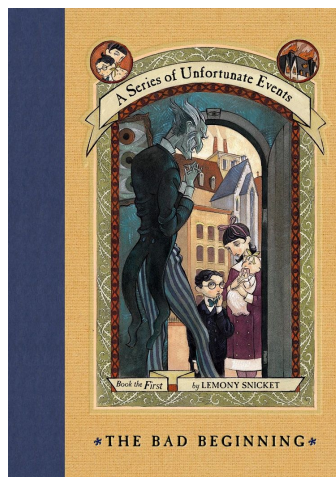


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The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket

Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire are intelligent children. They are charming and resourceful, and have pleasant facial features. Unfortunately, they are exceptionally unlucky. The three youngsters encounter a greedy and repulsive villain, itchy clothing, a disastrous fire, a plot to steal their fortune, and cold porridge for breakfast.

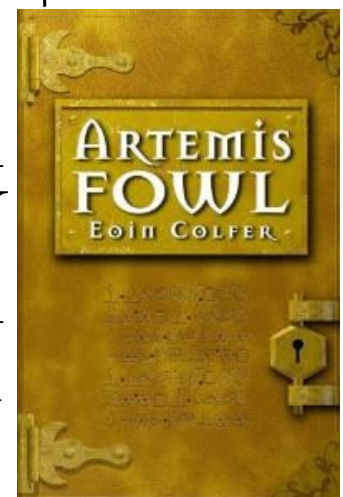
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Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Twelve-year-old criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl has discovered a world below ground of armed and dangerous-and extremely high-tech-fairies. He kidnaps one of them, Holly Short, and holds her for ransom in an effort to restore his family's fortune. But he may have underestimated the fairies' powers. Is he about to trigger a cross-species war?

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