

**HIGHLAND SCHOOL
2009 SUMMER READING
RISING FIFTH GRADE**

Rising 5th graders must read 2 books this summer as outlined below.

***Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson - Required**

Choice Books – Read ONE

<i>Heat</i>	Mike Lupica
<i>Shiloh Season</i>	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
<i>In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson</i>	Bette Bao Lord
<i>Rascal</i>	Sterling North
<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i>	Christopher Curtis
<i>Cracker, The Best Dog in Vietnam</i>	Catherine Kadohata
<i>The Indian in the Cupboard</i>	Lynn Reid Banks
<i>The Penderwicks</i>	Jeanne Birdsall
<i>Shakespeare Stealer</i>	Gary L. Blackwood
<i>Chasing Vermeer</i>	Blue Balliet
<i>On the Field With...Derek Jeter</i>	Matt Christopher
<i>Janitor's Boy</i>	Andrew Clements
<i>Lunch Money</i>	Andrew Clements
<i>A Week in the Woods</i>	Andrew Clements
<i>The BFG</i>	Roald Dahl
<i>City of Ember</i>	Jeanne DuPrau
<i>People of Sparks</i>	Jeanne DuPrau
<i>Inkspell</i>	Cornelia Funke
<i>Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key</i>	Jack Gantos
<i>Far North</i>	Will Hobbes
<i>From the Mixed Up Files of Basil E. Frankweiler</i>	E. L. Konigsburg
<i>Rules</i>	Cynthia Lord RF

Assignment

- * All papers must be typed; double spaced; 12 point pitch; spell checked
- * If you quote or paraphrase anything from the book, please cite a page number (p. 55)
- * The assignments must be completely your own work
- * Each assignment needs to be on a separate page with your name at the top

1. For the book, *Bridge to Terabithia*, students must select 3 of these choices to write about. Write the letter, and the question before answering. The maximum number of sentences is shown in parenthesis. Your choices are:
 - a. Describe Jess and Leslie's friendship. What does each contribute? (7 sentences)
 - b. Pick either Jess or Leslie and describe his/her strengths. (5 sentences)
 - c. What is Jess' main struggle in this book? (5 sentences)
 - d. Terabithia is a symbol of what in this book? (5 sentences)
 - e. What does the 'bridge' symbolize? (5 sentences)
 - f. Why does Jess admire Miss Edmund? (5 sentences)
 - g. What gifts do Jess and Leslie exchange at Christmas? Why is this important? (6 sentences)

2. For the choice book:
 - a.. List the book and its author
 - b. Write a summary of the book (10 sentences).
 - c. On the same piece of paper, describe in detail your favorite part of the story (10 sentences).

Summer reading will count for **1 quiz grade** for the first semester grade. These assignments must be brought to Language Arts class on the first day of school.

NOTE!

The reading level of each book can be found on the Highland School website at: <http://www.highlandschool.org/web/academics/documents/ARbyTitle.pdf>