

**HIGHLAND SCHOOL  
2010 SUMMER READING  
RISING FIFTH GRADE**

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

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

**Choice Books – Read ONE**

*Heat* by Mike Lupica

*Shiloh Season* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Curtis

*Cracker, the Best Dog in Vietnam* by Cynthia Kadohata

*The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynn Reid Banks

*The Penderwicks* by Jeanne Birdsall

*Shakespeare Stealer* by Gary L. Blackwood

*On the Field With...Derek Jeter* by Matt Christopher

*Lunch Money* by Andrew Clements

*The BFG* by Roald Dahl

*City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau

*Inkspell* by Cornelia Funke

*Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* by Jack Gantos

*From the Mixed Up Files of Basil E. Frankweiler* by E. L. Konigsburg

*Rules* by Cynthia Lord

**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>**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading List  
Annotations provided by Follett Destiny.

*Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson. The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

*The BFG* by Roald Dahl. Kidnapped from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.

*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Curtis. Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father—the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

*Heat* by Mike Lupica. Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.

*The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau. In *The City of Ember*, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

*Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam* by Cynthia Kadohata. A young soldier in Vietnam bonds with his bomb-sniffing dog.

*From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E. L. Konigsburg. Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-

old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself.

*Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* by Jack Gantos. To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription medications wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired.

*The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynn Reid Banks. A nine-year-old boy receives a plastic Indian, a cupboard, and a little key for his birthday and finds himself involved in adventure when the Indian comes to life in the cupboard and befriends him.

*Inkspell* by Cornelia Funke. When Dustfinger finds a crooked storyteller who can read him back to Inkscape, he leaves his apprentice Farid behind; but Farid seeks out Meggie and the two follow him back into the enchanted book.

*Lunch Money* by Andrew Clements. Twelve year-old Greg, who has always been good at moneymaking projects, is surprised to find himself teaming up with his lifelong rival, Maura, to create a series of comic books to sell at school.

*On the Field With... Derek Jeter* by Matt Christopher. This book discusses the personal life and baseball career of the young man from Michigan who achieved his dream to play shortstop for the New York Yankees.

*The Penderwicks. A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy* by Jeanne Birdsall. While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.

*Rules* by Cynthia Lord. Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence, but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

*The Shakespeare Stealer* by Gary L. Blackwood. A young orphan boy is ordered by his master to infiltrate the script of "Hamlet," but he discovers instead the meaning of friendship and loyalty.

*Shiloh Season* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. When mean and angry Judd, who has never known kindness, takes to drinking and mistreats his dogs, Marty discovers how deep a hurt can go and how long it takes to heal.