

## 2015 Summer Reading and Math for Rising 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Fifth grade teachers have chosen **two** books for our **summer reading assignment**. The books chosen for your child to read are **Where the Red Fern Grows** and **A Long Way from Chicago**.

Bonner Elementary has multiple copies of these books available for checkout from our library. Students can check out these books on Monday, **June 8<sup>th</sup>**, Tuesday, **July 7<sup>th</sup>**, and Monday, **August 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Someone will be in the library on these dates from **9am-12pm** to assist with check outs.

These two books are also available through the **Berkeley County Library** in both the print and electronic versions. Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Half.com, and other bookstores and websites have versions of these books. There are also some websites that allow these two books to be read online for free.

Attached you will find the information sheet that will be collected on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Please read and follow the instructions for the assignment. **Each summer reading book form will be recorded as one test grade in the grade book.**

Memorization of multiplication facts is strongly encouraged. Research has shown that students who have memorized their multiplication facts show an increase in their mathematic ability for life. Next year, your child will be asked to multiple large numbers, divide, compute common denominators, reduce fractions, etc. A strong knowledge of multiplication facts greatly increases their success in mastering these other mathematic concepts. The only way to master memorization of the multiplication facts is through repeated practice of the facts. Please spend time together memorizing the multiplication facts! *Multiplication fact cards can be purchased at Dollar Tree and other stores.*

Please complete the information below and return it to the school.

Thank you,  
5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers

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Please sign below indicating that you read the letter and you're aware of these summer assignments.

- My child has a summer reading assignment that **requires** them to read 2 books this summer.
- My child would benefit greatly from memorizing their multiplication facts for success with math in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and beyond.

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Print Parent Name

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Parent Signature

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Print Student's Name

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2014-2015 Current Teacher

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

H. B. Elementary School Summer Reading Book Form 2015

Please complete this form as you read or after reading your book.  
Don't forget about the back! We will begin school with activities hinging on the completion of each book.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_ # of pages: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one main character from your book and give a detailed description of his or her character traits. Write in complete sentences.

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What is the setting of the book? Write a paragraph that clearly explains this setting. Remember that setting includes time period that the book represents as well as a physical location.

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What is one theme, or main idea, the writer is trying to get across?

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