



Dear 4th and 5th Grade Students:

As part of your preparation for the upcoming academic year, you will be asked to read two books over the summer. You will provide documentation for both of the books you read. Please read the assignments carefully. A step-by-step format is provided, but above all, please make the selections that seem most enjoyable to you! Your second book can be chosen from the suggestion list below. All work is to be brought in on the first day of school. It is strongly suggested that you do read more than the required two books. Reading at least 20 minutes every day will allow you to continue progressing along your reading journey.

Have a great summer!

Ms. Celia and Mr. Chris

INCOMING 4th and 5th Graders:

The required book is **LIZARD'S TALE** by Weng Wai Chan. Please check out the instructions below.

For your second book, you may choose from the list below. You will create a book recommendation to share with the class in August. Your recommendation should include a summary of the plot as well as an introduction to the main characters. Please include why you liked or didn't like the book and why you do or do not recommend the book to your classmates.

If you like Fantasy and Adventure, you'll love:

Circus Mirandus by Cassie Beasley

Falling In by Frances O'Roark Dowell

Drizzle by Kathleen Van Cleve

Nightmare at the Book Fair by Dan Gutman

If you like Realistic Fiction, you'll love:

Fish in a Tree by Linda Mullaly Hunt
Wonder by R.J. Palacios
Wish Girl by Nikki Loftin
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Louis Sachar

If you like Historical Fiction, you'll love:

Ninth Ward by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos
The War that Saved my Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan

If you like Mystery, you'll love:

Book Scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman
The London Eye Mystery by Siobahn Dowd
The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart
Big Game by Stuart Gibbs

LIZARD'S TALE by Weng Wai Chan

Directions: Choose one of the following assignments to complete and be prepared to present it to the class upon our return after summer vacation.

1. **COMIC BOOK.** Turn the novel into a comic book. Draw and narrate a comic version of the novel using characters and situations in the novel. For your presentation, you must display and read your comic book to the class. Be prepared to answer questions about the comic book.
2. **DIARY:** Choose one of the characters from the novel and create a diary or journal entries in that character's voice. The journal entries should be set during the course of the novel, not before or after. For your presentation, you will need to explain which character you chose and read at least two entries from your character's story.
3. **SOUNDTRACK:** Choose a character from the novel and create a soundtrack for their life. Find at least four songs that reflect the character's personality and current life situation. No explicit lyrics. Put these songs onto a flash drive to share with the class and create an album cover for the soundtrack. In addition, you will need to write one or two paragraphs for each song, explaining why you chose it. For your presentation, you must share clips from each song on your soundtrack and explain why you feel they represent the character.