

Summer Reading Assignment 2017

Incoming 5th graders
Mrs. Bartsch & Ms. Lynch

Directions:

- All students will read the following two books
 - Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher by Bruce Coville
 - The City of Ember Jeanne DuPrau
- All students will write a letter to their homeroom teacher following the assignment directions below.

Two Options for Completing Your Letter (Paper, or Google Classroom)

- If you are a new student to the BFCCPS community, you may complete your letter on a piece of lined paper following the directions below. Your letter should be turned in during the first week of school.
- If you are a returning student that already has a Google Apps for Education Account, you are encouraged to join your teacher's Google Classroom and complete your letter online provided that your parents give you permission to do so. You can join your teacher's classroom by following the directions at the very end of this assignment titled "How to Join Your Teacher's Google Classroom."

Directions to Complete Your Letter

- Your letter should follow the format for a Friendly Letter. An example has been printed for you and attached to this packet.
- If you know who your homeroom teacher is, you should address your letter to your homeroom teacher. Dear (Ms. Lynch, Mrs. Bartsch)
- You should include the date in the top right hand corner of your paper.
- At the end of your letter, you should write Sincerely, (your name)
- The contents of your letter should include the following information in each paragraph:

First Paragraph

- Title of book (Don't forget to underline the title)
- Author of the book
- Brief summary of the book

Second Paragraph

- Make a personal connection to the book. You may use one of the following prompts to help you get started:
 - This book reminds me of..
 - If I were (Main character's name) I would...
 - I am similar / different to the character (character's name) because..

Third Paragraph

- Tell your teacher a little bit about who you are as a reader. How do you feel about reading? What types of books interest you?

Optional: How to Join Your Teachers Google Classroom (Note: You must have your parent's permission if

you choose this option.)

To Join Ms. Lynch's Google Classroom:

- Sign into your school Google Apps for Education email account.
- Go to <https://classroom.google.com/>
- It may have a blue button towards the bottom right of your page that asks you to specify if you are a student or teacher. If it does this, you need to select student. If it does not, move on to the next step.
- On the top right hand corner, there should be a plus sign. Click on this. A drop down menu should appear. Click "Join Class."
- **Enter code rdbq068**
- Follow the directions for the entry on Google Classroom labeled "Summer Reading Assignment."

To Join Mrs. Bartsch's Google Classroom

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- It may have a blue button towards the bottom right of your page that asks you to specify if you are a student or teacher. If it does this, you need to select student. If it does not, move on to the next step.
- On the top right hand corner, there should be a plus sign. Click on this. A drop down menu should appear. Click "Join Class."
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Dear Student,

I recently read the book called Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick. It is a wonderful book that you might read during fifth grade. It is the story of a young girl named Rose, and a boy named Ben. Half of the story is told through pictures, and half of the story is told through words. Throughout the story, you will learn about the challenges that deaf people encounter during their daily lives. Rose and Ben both end up running away from home, and you will follow their journey of self discovery. If reading a book with pictures sounds interesting to you, then you may enjoy the author's other book called The Inventions of Hugo Cabret.

This book reminds me of another book you might read in fifth grade called From the Mixed up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler. In this story, two children run away from home. This story also follows the hardships they face and how they grow up and become more mature. The setting of this story is very similar to Wonderstruck, but since I don't want to spoil the story for you, I will leave that as a surprise.

Both of your fifth grade teachers have different reading tastes, so it is hard to explain this to you in a letter. Instead, I will let you know that you will read many exciting books in fifth grade and we look forward to meeting you in the fall.

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bartsch & Ms. Lynch