

5th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to 5th Grade!

This summer, I want you to enjoy two things: a great book and some creative thinking... (and all the other fun summer things!) Choose **ONE** of the books below—either fiction or nonfiction—and complete the fun assignment that follows. Be ready to share August 3rd! If you have any questions, please send me an email.

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Fiction Option:

“Shiloh” by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

When Marty finds a mistreated beagle puppy near his home, he’s determined to protect it—even if it means keeping secrets from his family. This heartfelt story explores doing what’s right, even when it’s hard.

Nonfiction Option:

“Out of the Park: True Stories of the Greatest Players Who Changed the Game” by James Buckley Jr.

Get inspired by true stories of athletes in soccer, baseball, basketball, and more. These sports legends didn’t just break records—they changed the way the game is played through courage, hard work, and heart.

Your Assignment: Create a “Book in a Bag” Project!

Choose **5 items** (real or handmade) that represent important parts of your book. Then write a short description (2–3 sentences each) explaining how each item connects to your story or topic.

Instructions:

1. Decorate a bag (grocery bag, gift bag, or reusable bag) with the **title** and **author** of your book.
2. Place your 5 items inside the bag.
3. Include an **index card** or piece of paper with your name and your written explanations.
4. Be ready to **share your bag with your class** in the first week of school!

 **Grading Rubric:**

Criteria	Points
5 Items that clearly connect	5
Thoughtful written explanations	10
Creativity & effort	5
Presentation ready for class	5
Total	25
