

### **Third - Fifth Grade Summer Reading**

Third through Fifth grade students will be reading two novels this summer. After reading each novel, please choose a project from the list below. Please pick two *different* projects to show your comprehension of each book. Be prepared to turn both projects in by the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of school. (Late projects will be assessed a penalty of five points for every day late.)

#### **Required Selections:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> graders going into 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will read Little House in the Big Woods, by Laura Ingalls Wilder and Magic School Bus; Inside the Earth, Joanna Cole.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> graders going into 4<sup>th</sup> grade will read The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis and Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr.
- 4<sup>th</sup> graders going into 5<sup>th</sup> grade will read Prince Caspian by C.S. Lewis and Number of the Stars by Lois Lowry.

**Response to Reading Projects:** Please choose one of the following written responses to each book. (Choose a different response for each book.)

1. Interview a character from your book. Write at least ten questions that will give the character the opportunity to discuss his/her thoughts and feelings about his/her role in the story.
2. Write a diary entry that one of the story's main characters might have kept before, during, or after the book's events. Remember that the character's thoughts and feelings are very important in a diary.
3. Summarize the entire book-3 paragraph minimum-in cursive or typed out.
4. Write a book review as it would be done for a newspaper. (Be sure you read a few before writing your own.)
5. Write a FULL (physical, emotional, relational) description of two of the characters in the book. Draw a portrait to accompany each description.
6. Create a board game showing the plot of the story.
7. Create a mini-comic book relating a chapter of the book.
8. Design a book jacket for the book. Please review an actual book jacket before you attempt this.
9. Write five or more sentences about what you learned from the story.
10. Write a different ending for your story.
11. Write a letter to a character in the book.
12. Picture collage-Create a collage using a combination of 20 words or pictures and be prepared to discuss the pictures you chose.
13. Create your own project! Choose your own creative way to respond to the book you read!

