



Summer Assignments for Rising Fifth Graders



Reading is a very important part of the experience at McAlpine Elementary School. Research shows that the frequency and continuity of reading a variety of texts increases fluency, builds vocabulary, and helps readers become better writers. Most importantly, we hope that each and every student will become a life-long pleasure reader. Summer is a time for recreational reading, for exploring new books, and for reading those that you never had time for during the busy school year. So go ahead, read voraciously this summer!

The books are available at any branch of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, your students CMS [OneAccess](#) account, or you may purchase the books at most bookstores or through [smile.amazon.com](#) (proceeds go to our school if you link your account to 'PTA North Carolina Congress McAlpine Elementary School PTSA').

Students: You will need to choose one novel to read from each assignment. **Both of these assignments will be part of your first literacy grades in 5th grade.** A copy of the assignment is also available on our website at mcalpineelementaryschool.wearecms.com and in the main office throughout the summer.

Assignment 1: On a separate sheet of paper, write a summary on the major accomplishments of your person you chose to read about. Include your name and the title of the book.



"Who Was Robert E. Lee?"



"Who Was Clara Barton?"



"Who Was Ulysses S. Grant?"

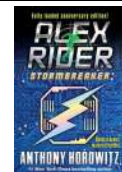
Assignment 2: Chose one of the novels to read below and fill out the attached graphic organizer.



"Hatchet" by Gary Paulsen



"Maniac Magee" by Jerry Spinelli



"Alex Rider: Stormbreaker" by Anthony Horowitz

Students must complete the assignments for the novels they chose, to be turned in to their Language Arts teacher by the due date of **September 13th**. This grade will be included in their first quarter PowerSchool grade book.

Math Concepts:

- ⇒ Practice place value of 1,000 to 0.01 (one hundredth)
- ⇒ Work on learning and memorizing multiplication and division facts up to 12.
- ⇒ Practice word problems that use multiplication and division facts.
- ⇒ Practice finding equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions, converting improper to mixed numbers (and vice versa) and adding and subtracting fractions with common denominators.

Helpful Resources:

- ⇒ Khan Academy (www.khanacademy.org): Create an account and access resources customized to your individual level.
- ⇒ Use your Edgenuity account through the CMS Student Portal.
- ⇒ Greg Tang Math (www.gregtangmath.com): Play games online and download activities or word problems to print and practice under the resources tab.
- ⇒ IXL (www.ixl.com): Choose a skill to review and practice.

Identify and describe the setting of the story. Use details from the text in your description.

Describe the main character. What is the main character like? What challenges does your character face? How does the character overcome those challenges?

Your Name:

Novel Title and Author:

What are some of the big ideas or themes explored in the story? Use details from the text to support your thinking?

List the five most important events from the story in order.