



Summer 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians of Students Entering 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

### **Summer Reading/Writing Requirement**

Each student is required to read **three** books from the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading List available on [www.Reading-Rewards.com](http://www.Reading-Rewards.com) and write a brief summary for each book including the following information:

Student's Name

Grade

Date

Title of the book

Author

A list of the main characters (fiction books)

One paragraph that describes the story - The paragraph must include the following elements:

- A topic sentence which is the first sentence of a paragraph. It introduces the main idea and gives a general statement.
- Supporting sentences (at least 3 sentences) which follow the topic sentence. These sentences give supporting details, facts, and examples related to the main idea.
- The closing sentence which is the last sentence of a paragraph. It restates the paragraph's main idea using different words.

A sentence explaining if you would recommend this book to a friend

The Student Paragraph Self Assessment should be completed and attached to each summary. Each summary may be neatly hand-written or typed 12 pt, double, spaced. The assignments are due the first week of school and the students will receive a grade in English and Reading.

\*All books read for the Summer Reading /Writing Requirement must come from the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading List at [www.Reading-Rewards.com](http://www.Reading-Rewards.com) or be pre-approved by Mrs. Richter. If the student wants to read a book that is not on the list, please email Mrs. Richter at [Maureen.Richter@StJudeRockville.org](mailto:Maureen.Richter@StJudeRockville.org) for approval prior to reading the book.

### **Dr. Benjamin's Summer Reading Challenge!**

Challenge! Did you say challenge? Dr. Benjamin has again issued a reading challenge to all the students entering 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. If these students read 100,000 minutes (20 minutes a day for each student) between now and the beginning of school he will do something outrageous! Also, the top three readers will receive a gift certificate. The minutes will be totaled using the students' Reading Reward minutes. So read a lot and log those reading minutes into [www.Reading-Rewards.com](http://www.Reading-Rewards.com)!

The required reading counts towards the Summer Reading Challenge. All books read for the Summer Reading Challenge must come from the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Summer Reading List at [www.Reading-Rewards.com](http://www.Reading-Rewards.com) or be pre-approved by Mrs. Richter.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and READ! READ! READ!

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Paragraph Self-Assessment

*After reading your paragraph, circle your answer. Once you have assessed your work, go back and make corrections.*

|   |     |    |
|---|-----|----|
| <b>Ideas</b>  |     |    |
| Do I state one main idea?   | Yes | No |
| Do I clearly convey purpose of the paragraph?                           | Yes | No |
| Do I give supporting facts, details, and examples related to main idea? | Yes | No |
| <b>Organization</b>   |     |    |
| Do I begin with a topic sentence?                                       | Yes | No |
| Do I list details that tell more about the topic sentence?              | Yes | No |
| Do I use a closing sentence?  | Yes | No |
| <b>Voice</b>  |     |    |
| Do I use an appropriate tone for the audience?                          | Yes | No |
| <b>Word Choice</b>  |     |    |
| Do I use appropriate transition words?                                  | Yes | No |
| Do I use language specific to the topic?                                | Yes | No |
| Do I use a varied choice of words?                                      | Yes | No |
| <b>Sentence Fluency</b>   |     |    |
| Are my sentences clear and concise?                                     | Yes | No |
| <b>Conventions</b>  | Yes | No |
| Do I use correct grammar?   | Yes | No |
| Do I use correct spelling?  | Yes | No |
| Do all sentences end with proper punctuation?                           | Yes | No |
| Are the beginning of each sentences and proper names capitalized?       | Yes | No |
| Do I indent each paragraph?   | Yes | No |
| <b>Presentation</b>   |     |    |
| Is my paper neat?   | Yes | No |
| Do I use the proper school heading?                                     | Yes | No |
| Do I use the proper font - Calibri 12?                                  | Yes | No |



Dear Parents and Guardians.

Your child has been set up on Reading Rewards. Here are the account details:

URL: <http://www.reading-rewards.com>. Click on the Log In link

#### GETTING STARTED ON READING REWARDS

1. Go to <https://app.reading-rewards.com>
2. Click on the Log In link.
3. Enter in your username (hint: your 1<sup>st</sup> initial and last name, you may need your middle initial, or last two digits of your graduation year) and password (Upper case first initial of your last name and your student ID/Scantron number).
4. Click on Booklist:
  - scroll down and click on Recommended Book Lists
5. What kind of book lists would you like displayed
  - Click on List Compiled for Your Group
6. Select a book list to display
  - Select book list from your **current** grade (grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> have a Required Book list and a Reading Challenge list)
7. Click on cover of book for more details about the book. Once you have decided on a book to read. Get this book from your public library, Barnes and Noble, or from Amazon.
8. Go back up to top tabs and Click on Reading
9. Click on the My Reading Log tab.
10. Select a book from the drop down list
11. Enter your reading date and time. Every time you read, enter the number of minutes you read into Log Reading Time!
12. Click SAVE
13. That's it! You have logged your reading time. If you said you finished your book, you will be asked to review it. Doing so gives you bonus RR Miles!
14. Your account requires validation by a parent or guardian; they will get an email asking them to validate your reading. Make sure they check their spam folder and add [notifications@reading---rewards.com](mailto:notifications@reading---rewards.com) to their contacts!
15. Students entering 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades must go to the Quizzes tab and click on the quiz for their grade. All questions must be answered on the website.