



For Students Entering Grade 5

2025-2026

Summer Reading Assignment:

Welcome to 5th Grade! This summer, you will be expected to read **two** chapter books and complete the following assignments. Of course, you may read **MORE** than two books this summer- the more you read, the more you know!! I am looking forward to seeing you in August. Mrs. Bruser

I. Required book choice:

Choose **ONE** of the *four* books (that you **have not** read before) from the list below to read.

Required Book List: (Read **ONE** of the four books below)

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks (RL 4.5)

The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare (RL 4.9)

Wishtree by Katherine Applegate (RL 4.2)

The Family Under the Bridge by Natalie S. Carlson (RL 4.7)

While you are reading this book, you will need to complete the following pages: (see attached)

1. reading log
 2. bridge builder
 3. imaginative illustrator
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II. Free book choice:

Read **one** chapter book of **your choice** (does **NOT** need to be from the required list).

While reading this book, you must complete the following: (see attached)

1. Reading Bingo Card:

The reading log, bridge builder, imaginative illustrator, and bingo card are due on the second day of school. They will be included in your first quarter reading grade.

Bridge Builder

Name: _____ Date: _____

Book title: _____ Author: _____

Your job is to make a personal connection or “build a bridge” between events or people in your life and events or characters in the story. Use the prompts below to get started.

The character of _____ reminds me of _____

because _____

I know how the character _____ felt when _____

because _____

The part on page _____, when _____

reminds me of _____

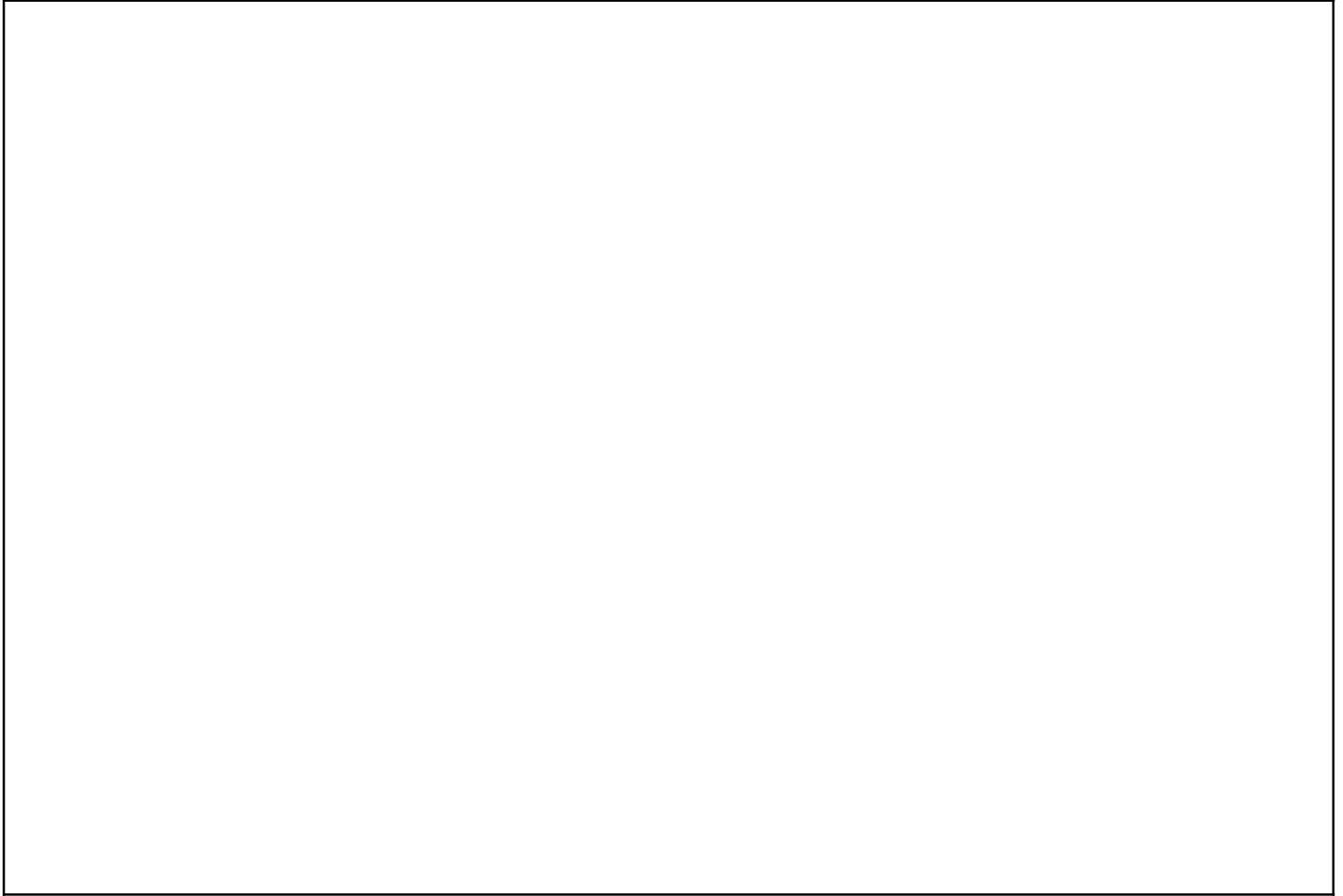
Use for required reading book choice

Imaginative Illustrator

Name: _____ Date: _____

Book title: _____ Author: _____

Your job is to visualize a scene from the day's reading and illustrate it for the class. (No stick people!! Use colored pencils or crayons.) Remember that, as you read, you should see the action from the text in your "Brain T.V." Choose a scene from the reading and illustrate it in the box. Remember to choose a scene that has good details and descriptive words. Then, fill in the blanks below the box.



This scene can be found on page _____. Some of the words and phrases the author uses to help me visualize this scene in my head are: _____

Name: _____

Book Title: _____

5th Grade Star Reader Bingo

Free choice book

Use this bingo card to record your reading time for the free-choice book. Have a parent initial on the line each time you complete a 20-minute reading time for one of the following activities. Get a Bingo by getting 5 in a row—vertical, horizontal, or diagonal.

Read outside under a tree _____	Read in your room _____	Read in your pajamas _____	Read in the car _____	Read to a family member _____
Read in your bed _____	Read in the dark with a flashlight _____	Read on a Sunday _____	Read sitting on the floor _____	Read on the couch _____
Read on a Monday _____	Read on your parent's bed _____	Free Space: I read (fill in) _____	Read with the TV off _____	Read on a Wednesday _____
Read on a Saturday _____	Read on the floor _____	Read while wearing a hat _____	Read on the porch or patio _____	Read on a Tuesday _____
Read on a Thursday _____	Read on a rainy day _____	Read in the kitchen _____	Read in your bathing suit _____	Read on a Friday _____