

Summer Reading Packet



Villa Maria Academy Lower School

2026-2027 School Year

Rising 5th Graders

Each student should read the following book:

Tuck Everlasting
By Natalie Babbitt

Please choose ONE assignment from numbers 1-2 below. Make sure to write or type, on your report, the number you chose to do (1 or 2).

Complete this assignment by either writing it on lined loose-leaf paper or typed and printed on the computer. Make sure to complete all the activities (all bullet points) within the one assignment that you choose.

1. WRITE THE DIARY OF A MAIN CHARACTER MIGHT HAVE WRITTEN.

- You must include a minimum of 5 entries.
- Entries should be MINIMUM one paragraph of 3-5 complete sentences each.
- Your entries should be dated, and dates should reflect the setting of the story.
- Remember to use the Dear Diary format.
- Your entries should reflect what you know about the character: his/her traits, his/her experiences, his/her reactions, and his/her feelings. Be creative!

2. CORRESPOND WITH ANOTHER CHARACTER.

- Pretend that you are a character in the book. Write two letters to two other characters in the novel to express your appreciation, respect, or disappointment in your fellow character.
- Describe an important event from the story, and how your character feels about that event. You should reference specific things the character did or said.
- Include at least three specific details from the story.
- You should have two friendly letters that include AT LEAST two paragraphs of 3-5 sentences.

In addition, each student is required to read one more book from the fifth-grade reading list (please be sure to pick a book you have not already read) :

The Potato Chip Puzzle, Eric Berlin

No Talking, Andrew Clements

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes, Eleanor Coerr

From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, E.L. Konigsburg

The Mysterious Benedict Society, 1 (only number 1), Trenton Lee Stewart

The Incredible Journey, Sheila Burnford

The City of Ember, Jeanne DuPrau

A Long Walk to Water, Linda Sue Park

Among the Hidden, Margaret Peterson Haddix

Hoot, Carl Hiaasen

*In September, you will be asked to complete a 'Book Talk' on your chosen novel. We will prepare for this in school.