

Welcome to the 5th Grade Reading Log Assignment ☺

The following information is to help parents understand the nightly reading log assignment. It is important that the reading log be completed so all points can be given.

Day 1: *Predict* Students should use text clues and their own knowledge to predict what will happen or what they will learn.

Day 2: *Vocabulary* Students will choose 3 – 5 words that they are not familiar with, **OR** that they find interesting and useful in writing assignments. A minimum of 3 words must be included to receive full credit.

Day 3: *Picture* Good readers will visualize what they see as they are reading. Please do not confuse this with drawing an illustration from the book. The picture needs to be what come to their mind and it should be colored.

Day 4: *Connections* Three choices are given, but **only one** needs to be circled and answered.

- ✓ **Text to text** means that the book you are reading reminds you of another book you have read before. Give a specific example how the two books are connected.
- ✓ **Text to self** means that either the character or a situation in the story connects with you.
- ✓ **Text to world** is when a situation in the story reminds you of something that happens in the world around us.

Day 5: *Infer* Try to figure out things that the author does not say directly. What do you think the character feels from the clues the author is giving you. Remember to “read between the lines.”

At the end of each reading log is a section for summarizing. At the end of each week, you will tell, in your own words, the important things you have read. Summarizing is a high level reading strategy. To help break this process down, we use the “*Somebody, wanted, but, so*” technique.

Example summary sentence from a book about the Revolutionary War:

King George III wanted the colonists to help pay his war debt, but the colonists felt this was a form of control, so they declared their independence from England.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the log. This is going to be a fantastic reading year!