

Dear Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and families,

During fifth grade, students will study the characteristics of many types of writing, including narrative texts. They determine from whose point of view the story is written. They examine the description of the setting and use of dialogue to identify how the author sets the tone of the story which affects the reader's mood. They meet the characters and learn their traits (physical, feelings, attitudes, personality) through their words and actions. They observe how the characters change and grow throughout the story.

To prepare for fifth grade, students will read an adventure of their choice.

When you finish reading your novel, you will select two engaging projects on the next page to complete and bring to school in the Fall.

Remember to visit the Montgomery County Public Library website and sign up to read with them too! Montgomery County Public Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge offers kids a chance to fill their summer with great books and fun activities. This year, they are partnering with Levine Music, Olney Theatre Center, and the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County to help make the Arts more accessible to youth in Montgomery County. Enjoy!

## Happy Summer! Happy Reading!

## Students should select 2 of these engaging activities to complete based on one of your summer reading books.

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Write a letter	Did you really like one of the characters and have some questions or comments to share with them? Write a letter to them or to the author.
Crossword Puzzle	
Crossword r dzzie	Use blank paper divided into small boxes or use a website to create a crossword puzzle for your teacher based on your book. Use at least 15 important words, names, etc. as your clues.
Book Brochure	Was there an exciting location or event that you want to know more about and can create an informational brochure on? Use a piece of paper folder into halves or a trifold and create an informational brochure!
Write a song based on the book	Lyrics really make the song! If you love music, this is the project for you. Write up a short song and put it to music. Remember that song lyrics are actually very similar to poetry!
Collage	
	Cut out little picture from old newspapers or magazines that help to tell the story of what your book was about. Make sure to ask your parents' permission before cutting up paper.
Artistic Poster	
	Depict an important scene from your book in an artistic poster format. The poster should be 8 ½ by 11 and include color, a title and more