

Summer Assignment 2023

Dear Rising 5th graders,

Welcome to 5th grade! Your summer assignment consists of two assignments.

Assignment #1 Math

- 1) Please complete the math practice booklet you received in 4th grade. Please return the booklet to school on your first day of school.

The math booklet has review problems to practice over the summer to help you remember your math. Please complete the entire booklet.

Assignment #2 Novel Reading

Please read *Number the stars* by Lois Lowry

Number the Stars tells the story about the friendship of ten-year-old Annemarie Johansen and Ellen Rosen. The story is set in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1943, where daily life has changed since the German occupation began three years before. The war and the occupation have brought food shortages, evening curfews and German soldiers in the streets. Then a more ominous change threatens, as the Germans prepare to “relocate” the Jewish Danes, and the two friends are called upon to show strength, courage, and pride despite their fear, against a backdrop of war.

Please choose ONE option, either Option A or Option B to fulfill your reading requirement. The two options are very different from one another but you only need to complete ONE to earn full credit for the novel reading assignment.

OPTION A - Writing Paragraphs

Read the following quotes from the novel. Write one paragraph in which you discuss whether or not you agree with the statement, using examples from the novel, other books you have read, or your own experiences.

Each response should be one paragraph. You must respond to all three quotes so you would have a total of 3 paragraphs to complete this assignment.

“Being brave means not thinking about the dangers.” (p. 123)

“It is much easier being brave if you do not know everything.” (p. 76)

“Someday the war will end. All wars do.” (p. 127)

OPTION B- Draw A Map

In order to help the Rosens and other Jewish Danes, the Johansens had to leave Copenhagen and travel to Gilleleje on the northern coast. Then the fisherman hid the Jews in boats and brought them across the water to Sweden. Imagine that the area in which you live has come under some sort of external threat, and you have to leave quickly and carefully. Using maps of your local area and surrounding areas, plan the route you would take to get to a place of safety. Draw the route on a map, and write a brief description of why you chose the route you did, what you would need to take along and how long the trip would likely take. Remember to think about possible obstacles that might come up on the way (for example, if you were hiding as the Rosens were, you might need to stay away from well-traveled routes; if you are evacuating because of a hurricane, you might need to avoid low areas likely to flood).

Please draw the map on plain computer paper.

Have a great Summer!

~Mrs. Whitehead