



Dear Fifth Graders,

June 2025

Congratulations on officially becoming fifth graders! You should be proud of everything that you have accomplished during your fourth-grade experience. I hope you have exciting plans for the summer. More than anything, though, I hope that you have time to relax and enjoy your time with family and friends.

Students entering fifth grade are required to read one book and complete an accompanying choice board assignment. Our required reading is *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. Amazingly, *The One and Only Ivan* is inspired by a true story! Click on the link below to learn more about Ivan's amazing story.

<https://www.npr.org/2013/06/13/191053327/headline-here>

After you read *The One and Only Ivan*, please complete one assignment from the choice board below. You will not receive a grade for your work-- its purpose is to help me to get to know you better as a reader, writer, and person at the start of the new school year. Please be prepared to share your choice board activity with the class when we return to school in September.

The One and Only Ivan is widely available in libraries. If you purchase this book, consider buying from your local, independent book store. Arcade Books, Diane's Books, Village Book Shop, Athena Books, and Scattered Books will carry copies and they also make quick deliveries.




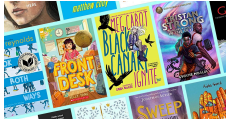




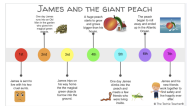
In addition to this book, **we encourage you to choose two to three books of your choice to read for pleasure.** Try to challenge yourself by selecting a book out of your comfort zone. For example, if you love fantasy, try a non-fiction selection. Another wonderful way to experience literature is through audiobooks; you can listen to one during a long car ride or before bed. If you need some suggestions, check out this [list](#), but you can choose anything you'd like to read as long as it's okay with your parents! Remember, you are not required to complete a choice board activity for any additional books you read.

I hope your summer is filled with fun, adventure, and lots of great books! I look forward to seeing you in September. We are going to have a fantastic year together!

Kind Regards,
Sarah Theofanidis
Fifth Grade English

Book Project Choice Board

(Click on blue links for directions)

<p><u>Scrapbook</u></p> <p>Make a scrapbook with items and pictures of important parts from the story.</p>  <p>Scrapbook</p>	<p><u>Board Game</u></p> <p>Create a board game based on your book.</p>  <p>Board Game</p>	<p><u>Shoebox Diorama</u></p> <p>Create a diorama of an important scene from your book</p>  <p>Shoe Box Diorama</p>
<p><u>3-D Model</u></p> <p>Make a 3-D model of the main character of the book and write an interview with the character.</p>  <p>3-D Model</p>	<p><u>Movie Poster</u></p> <p>Pretend your book is going to be made into a movie and create a poster to promote the movie.</p>  <p>Movie Poster</p>	<p><u>Map</u></p> <p>Make a detailed map of an important setting from your book.</p>  <p>Setting Map</p>
<p><u>Letters</u></p> <p>Write a series of letters between you and a character from the book.</p>  <p>Letter Exchange</p>	<p><u>Graphic Novel</u></p> <p>Choose a chapter from your book and present it as a graphic novel (comic strip style),</p>  <p>Graphic Novel</p>	<p><u>Timeline</u></p> <p>Use words and pictures to make a timeline of the important events in your book.</p>  <p>Book Timeline</p>