

Dear New Fifth-Graders,

We are thrilled to share the adventure of 5th grade with you next school year! We will go on great journeys as we explore History & Literature with Mrs. Pitney, Math & Science with Mrs. Brewer, and Language Arts with the newest member of our fifth-grade team. As with any bold endeavor, we will travel along these subjects' thrilling paths, finding our inner grit and determination. We are delighted to be your explorer-educators this coming year! So that you do not forget all that you've learned this year, we've come up with some summer reading work.

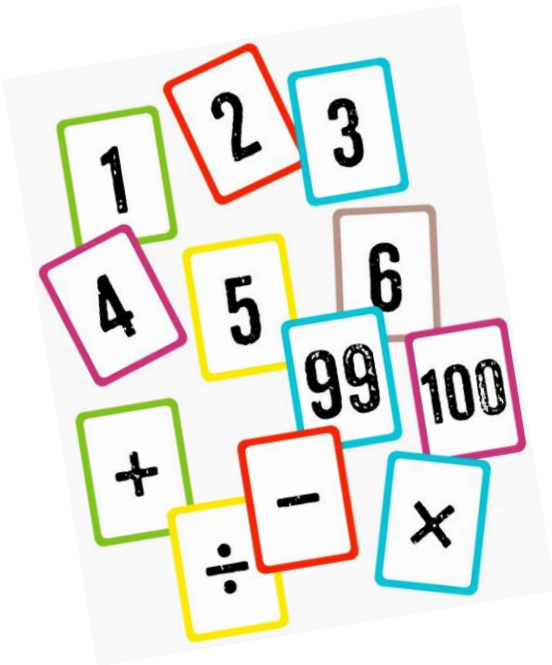
For your first reading assignment, please read *Alone Yet Not Alone* by Tracy Leininger Craven. Then in your neatest cursive handwriting, write a three-paragraph essay summarizing this book (follow the template attached). Then, mark your calendars, because on July 31st at 4:30 pm, we will have a book discussion/movie night about this incredible novel! Your final summer reading assignment will be to read *Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo. After reading this sweet novel, please answer the comprehension questions attached in complete, cursive sentences. This will be our first book to discuss in Mrs. Pitney's sensational Literature class! **Both the summary essay and the questions are due on the first day of school.**

Please practice those math facts over the summer also! By reviewing multiplication and division flashcards three to four times a week, you will be prepared for the mathematics venture we will be taking together! We will be discussing math topics such as fractions, decimals, place value (both whole number and decimal), and so much more!

We pray you have a fabulous summer. We are praying for each and every one of you and our great big 5th Grade Adventure together!

All our wonder,

Providence 5th Grade Teachers



3-Paragraph Book



Paragraph 1:

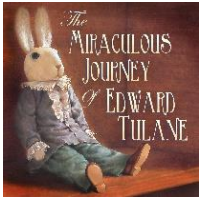
- Title
- Author
- **Genre** — what category of literature (fiction/non-fiction, mystery, historical, sci-fi, etc.)
- **Setting** — Where **and** when did the story take place?
- Main Characters

Paragraph 2:

- **Conflict** — What problem does the main character have to solve?
- **Conflict Resolution** — How does the conflict come to an end?

Paragraph 3:

- **Theme** - What did the main character learn?
- What was the author's message?
- What is your opinion of the novel?



SUMMER
READING
QUESTIONS

NAME: _____

Answer each of the following questions thoroughly in complete sentences.

Use your best *cursive* handwriting.

What happened on Abilene's eleventh birthday? _____

What happened to the princess in the story Pellegrina told Edward and Abilene? _____

On whom did Edward blame his fall into the ocean? _____

Why did Edward mistake the large crow for Pellegrina? _____

What is personification? Describe one example of personification that Kate DiCamillo used in this book. _____
