

5th Grade Summer Reading Newsletter

Your children have grown to be great readers this year. They have gained many reading skills that will still need to be practiced over the summer to reduce regression and ensure that they continue to grow as readers. Therefore, it is important to keep your children reading over the summer. Summer reading can bridge the end of one school year and the beginning of the next!

The 5th grade team has selected Number the Stars as our 5th grade summer reading book. Number the Stars is told from the point of view of ten-year-old Annemarie Johansen. The story is set in the city of Copenhagen, Denmark in September 1943, the third year of the Nazi occupation of Denmark. This story displays heroism and opens up a discussion about equality. This novel will also help us dive into the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which is a main topic of discussion in 5th grade ELA.

We will provide students with a Summer Reading Packet before the end of the school year that we are requiring the students to complete as they read Number the Stars this summer. The packet will include work with vocabulary, inferencing, and opinion questions. Number the Stars can be purchased on Amazon for \$5.59, or taken out at the Turner Free Library.

The 5th grade team is excited to be working with this book and we look forward to starting next year with diverse and intellectual conversations! If you have any questions please feel free to email us.

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Sincerely,

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