

Students Entering 5th Grade
Summer Book Reports Assignment

Aim: The purpose of these book reports is to help each student meet the learning Standards for Reading and Language Arts set forth by the New York State Department of Education. The Standards are listed below.

Students will read four books over the summer vacation and also include a book log with each book. Two of the books will be **Island of the Blue Dolphins** by Scott O'Dell and **The Tale of Despereaux** by Kate DiCamillo

The other two books will be free choices but must be picked from either **Newbery Award** or **Newbery Honor books**. Students will also give an oral book report in class on one of these books.

A list of Newbery Award winning books can be found at:

<http://www.squidoo.com/newberymedal>

Format for Summer Book Reports
Book Reports may be typed or handwritten.

1. Title
2. Author
3. List the main characters and describe them
4. What was the problem the main character had to solve?
5. What was the author's purpose in writing this book?
6. What was the lesson learned from the story?
7. If you could meet one character from the book whom would you choose? Why? What are some questions you might want to ask him or her?

New York State English and Language Arts Learning Standards

Standard ELA 1: Language for Information and Understanding
Students will read, write, listen, and speak for information and understanding

Standard ELA 2: Language for Literary Response and Expression
Students will read, write, listen, and speak for literary response and expression

Standard ELA 3: Language for Critical Analysis and Evaluation
Students will read, write, listen, and speak for critical analysis and evaluation

Standard ELA 4: Language and Social Interaction
Students will read, write, listen, and speak for social interaction