

Divine Mercy Catholic Academy
Grade 5 – Ms. DeMarco
English Language Arts Summer Assignment

The following books must be read:

James and the Giant Peach written by Roald Dahl (Genre: Fantasy)

A **test** based on the book will be administered on the **first full day of school** to ensure that the book was read. Notes are to be taken after reading each chapter. Include the names and descriptions of the characters, the settings (where and when are the events occurring), and the plot (the key events in the story). The notes will not be graded. They are for the students to review prior to the test. Be prepared for a class discussion on the contents of the book.

After reading the book, pretend that you are James (the main character). Create an additional/new character that you would have liked to journey with you while you were traveling in the peach. He/she can be a human, an animal, or an insect. You may draw, paint, create a model, or design the character using the computer. In addition to creating the character, write two paragraphs describing him/her. Tell what the character would have added to the journey. Why would you have wanted this character to come along with you? The paragraphs should be written on loose-leaf. Do not type them. Be prepared to show and present your work to the class.

Note: The movie is different than the book. **DO NOT VIEW THE MOVIE INSTEAD OF READING THE BOOK.** Watching the movie prior to taking the test will make the test difficult. The movie will be viewed in school after all students have taken the exam.

Where is the White House? written by Megan Stine
(Genre: Nonfiction)

After reading Where is the White House?, a report is to be written. This report should include **information about the White House**. Write in script or print with a pen on loose-leaf. Using an erasable pen is encouraged. The report is to be two pages long, and it must be written in paragraph form. Do not type the report. Write on the front of the loose-leaf paper and not on the back. Use this book as the only source for this assignment and include many facts. Create a cover with an illustration (drawn or printed from a computer), title of the book, author of the book, student's name, and Grade 5. **The question: Where is the White House? must be answered in the report.**

It is strongly suggested that students read daily and write often to prepare for Grade 5. Journal writing (diary) is a wonderful way for students to improve writing skills and to have a keepsake of this time in their lives.

Happy Reading! Have a safe, fun, and relaxing summer!