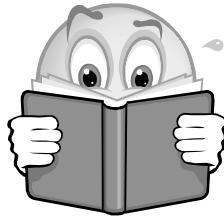


# Summer Reading '10 - Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> Graders



Summer is almost here! This means resting, relaxing, swimming, sunning, baseball, and ...boredom. Well, we have found a way to help beat those summertime blues – read a book! (Yes, reading is something you can do for fun!)

**All incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Nazareth Academy are required to read the book The BFG by Roald Dahl.** This fantastical story is about a little girl named Sophie. One night when Sophie couldn't fall asleep, she sees a giant blowing something into the bedroom windows down the street. The giant notices her; although she tries to hide in her bed, he reaches through the window and carries her away to his home. Fortunately for Sophie, she has been taken by the world's only nice giant. Roald Dahl is the author of many wonderful award-winning books for children including: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach, and Matilda.

Once you have read the novel, you are to choose one of the following book report ideas to complete and *turn in the first week of school*. Happy reading!

1. Do a collage/poster showing pictures or 3-d items that relate to the book, and then write 3-5 sentences beside each one to show its significance to the novel. (Size: ½ of a regular-sized poster board.)
2. Draw a comic strip of your favorite scene. You must include dialogue.
3. Make a time line of all the events in the book. You must include pictures.
4. Make a poster advertising your book so someone else will want to read it. Must include pictures & wording. (Size: ½ of a regular-sized poster board.)
5. Write a book review as it would be done for a newspaper or website such as amazon.com. (Be sure you read a few before writing your own.) 100-150 words.
6. Tell 5 things you learned while reading the book. Can be something concrete (ex. history, science, etc.) or abstract (ex. life lesson). (Should be at least 150 words total.)
7. Send a postcard from one of the characters. Draw a picture on one side; write the message on the other. Picture should cover entire front side; message should be 50-100 words and related to the novel. (Size: 4" x 6")
8. Design a book jacket for the book. All artwork should be original (either student-created or clip art from computer) and NOT a copy of the original. Front – picture; Back – 100-150 word summary and opinion of the book. (Size: 8 ½" x 14".)

**Other suggested reading for incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders:**

1. A Dog Called Kitty by Bill Wallace
2. Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh
3. Soccer Halfback by Matt Christopher
4. The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis