

SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS FOR RISING 5TH GRADE STUDENTS

Rising 5th Graders,

Reading is an essential skill for academic work which extends vocabulary, increases comprehension, and stimulates higher order thinking.

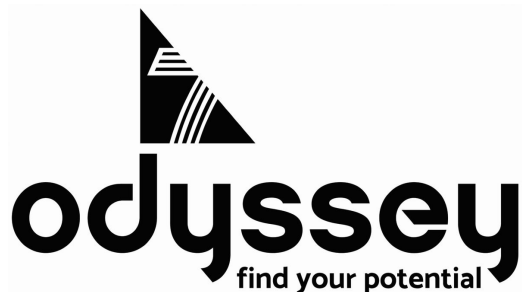
The theme of 5th grade Odyssey is **Diversity**. Your summer reading assignments are to read a biography about a successful person who interests you and complete a journal entry to prepare for our class discussions.

SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS:

- Read at least one biography (or autobiography).
- In your journal, record your responses to the following:
 - Title and Author of a book
 - What period of time in history is covered in the story?
 - Write a brief summary of the story.
 - What are some special strengths and abilities of the main character?
 - Write your response to the book: likes, dislikes, surprises, etc.
 - Draw an illustration of something you found significant in the story.
- Bring the journal to the first Odyssey class in August.

We hope you enjoy learning about the **Diversity of Successful People** this summer!

Happy Reading,
The Odyssey Teachers



SUGGESTED SUMMER READING FOR RISING 5TH GRADE STUDENTS

In the Spartanburg County Library, biographies are found in the JB (juvenile biography) section. Select a biography appropriate for your reading level that interests you.

Think about what interests you and who you may enjoy reading about. There are biographies about the following:

ATHLETES, PRESIDENTS, WORLD LEADERS, INVENTORS, ACTIVISTS,
ENTREPRENEURS, SCIENTISTS, EXPLORERS, MUSICIANS, AUTHORS,
HISTORICAL FIGURES, JUDGES, ASTRONOMERS, PHILOSOPHERS,
ARTISTS, AND MORE.

You may explore an **AUTOBIOGRAPHY**, a biography written about one's own life.

If you are still unsure of who to select you may explore the following authors who have written biographies available in the juvenile biography section of the Spartanburg Public Library:

Bolden, Tonya
Demi
Fleischman, Sid
Fradin, Dennis
Fritz, Jean
Freedman, Russell
Haskins, James
Hubbard, Rita L.

Kerley, Barbara
Levinson, Nancy
Lobel, Anita
McCully, Emily Arnold
Myers, Walter
Sis, Peter
Stanley, Diane
Wallner, Alexandra
Who Is? Series