

Rising 5th Grade Summer Reading

Assignment 1:

Students should read *The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer L. Holm. A test will be given on the novel when school begins.

Assignment 2:

Students should read the assigned passages from *The Book of Virtues* by William Bennett. Each selection has four questions that the student should answer. These will be due on the first day of school. Please use the following criteria when answering these questions:

- * All answers should be written in complete sentences.
- * Be sure to answer each part of the question completely.
- * The answers should be written in your neatest, cursive handwriting, using a pencil.
- * Please use a separate sheet of paper for each question set.
- * Write the title of the passage at the top of your paper as a heading.
- * Please write your first and last name in the top left corner of your paper.
- * Staple or clip the pages together to turn in on the first day of school.

“The Golden Touch” pp. 63-66

1. At the beginning of the story, what was the main difference between King Midas and Marygold?
2. What did King Midas wish for?
3. How did things change for King Midas once his wish came true? Give specific examples.
4. What lesson does King Midas learn?

“The Legend of the Dipper” pp. 122-124

1. Why did the little girl set out to find water?
2. What happened to the tin dipper each time the little girl shared her water with someone in need?
3. What happened when the stranger poured the water onto the ground? Why do you think this happened?
4. When the stranger disappeared into the sky, what did he become?

“The Little Red Hen” pp. 352-353

1. What words would you use to describe the little red hen?
2. How do you think the little red hen felt doing all of the work by herself?
3. What lesson does this story teach?
4. Do you think the other animals will be more willing to help next time? Why or why not?

“George Washington and the Cherry Tree” pp. 605-606

1. Why did George Washington chop the cherry tree?
2. How do you think George felt when he had to confess what he had done to his father?
3. How did George’s father react to his confession?
4. What is the moral of this story?