

June 2019

Dear Incoming 5th Grade Student,

Summer is a wonderful time to get lost in a book as well as explore the art of letter writing. This summer, the challenge is to **read at least 4 books of your choice**. If you need a suggestion, you can look up the Newbery Medal and Honors winners for the past years and choose one of those. Your local library will have suggestions for your age, too.

The challenge does not stop at reading. After you have read each book, take a few minutes to write a letter to me in your best handwriting and mail it to me or type it into an email and email it to me. In your letter in the **first paragraph**, make sure to tell me the title, the author, and the genre (type of book, i.e., humor, suspense, action, romance, science fiction, fantasy, etc.). In the **second paragraph**, tell me how you felt as you read it (scared, sad, happy, excited, etc.). How did it impact you? What did you learn? Will you read another book by the same author? In the **last paragraph**, tell whether or not you would recommend it to a friend and then say why or why not? Which friend(s)? **Don't forget to sign your name!**

You will then mail the letters addressed to me at the school:

Mrs. Mary Gillis

9473 Annapolis Road
Lanham, MD 20706

or Email to: mgillis@stmatthias.org

Your letters should be postmarked by:

Book/Letter 1: July 1, 2019

Book/Letter 2: July 15, 2019

Book/Letter 3: July 29, 2019

Book/Letter 4: August 12, 2019

Remember, the challenge is to read and write about 4 books that you have chosen to read over the summer. After you have read a book, write and mail or email a letter to me. **This assignment will count toward your first quarter reading grade.**

I will check my mailbox at school and my email over the summer to see what reading and writing adventures you have gone on.

Have a safe, happy, and literature-filled summer.

Mrs. Mary Gillis

P.S. Don't forget to use your Mathletics account to keep sharp on your math skills! We will be checking on your progress.