

5TH GRADE REQUIRED SUMMER READING 2021

Research shows that children can lose up to three months of learned materials without a summer reading program. It also suggests that children who read as few as six books over the summer maintain the level of reading skills they achieved during the preceding school year. Reading more books leads to greater success.

Knoxville Christian School is requiring a summer reading program for students to enter into the fifth grade. At this grade level, students are required to read two books and answer a few critical thinking questions for each book (attached).

This assignment is to be completed and returned to the teacher by Monday, August 16, 2021. This assignment will be the first reading grade for the second grading period. New students' assignments will be due by the first day of the second quarter, Monday, October 18, 2021.

5th Grade (requirement is the 2 below, AND to answer a few critical thinking questions for each book)

- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

A Wrinkle in Time Questions

Please answer all questions using complete **paragraphs**.

1. In your opinion, why do the three children accept the three Mrs. W's rather than fear them?
2. The people of planet Camazotz have no crime, no responsibility, and no decisions to make. What is so wrong with their society?
3. Why must Meg go alone to Camazotz? How is her relationship with Charles Wallace important to her ability to free him?
4. Do you believe IT is finally defeated at the end of the book? Why or why not?
5. Can you relate Meg's fight against IT to our fight against sin in life? How did she overcome IT? Can all sin be overcome this way? Why or why not?

Number the Stars Questions:

Please answer all questions using complete paragraphs.

1. Do you think King Christian did the right thing by surrendering to the Nazis? Explain your answer?
2. Explain the meaning of the following sentence from p.25 of the novel: "All of Denmark must be bodyguards for the Jews...." Annemarie said.
3. What does the sea represent for Ellen and her family?
4. Why was Peter's reading from the Bible so important?
5. Why do you think the contents of the packet Annemarie was carrying to Uncle Henrik were so important?