

Summer Assignment and Summer Reading

Dear Student:

Please write a letter to me about yourself. I want to know as much as you would like to tell me. Include something of your life outside of school. This letter will help me get to know you even before we formally meet as student and teacher.

Begin with something interesting. Tell me what you really enjoy doing in your free time. You may include your hobbies, such as making model airplanes, making jewelry, or collecting something special like stamps, minerals, or stuffed animals.

Write about school. What is *easiest* for you in school? What is *hardest* for you in school?

What do you *imagine* yourself doing when you grow up? What kind of job (or jobs) would you like to try? Where do you imagine yourself living? What kinds of things do you wish your teachers knew about you? Perhaps you have your writing published or you have won a special award.

Perhaps you have traveled across the U.S. or have lived in a foreign country.

Perhaps you have some very special family traditions that mean a lot to you.

Tell me anything else you really want me to know about you.

Please mail your letter (before 8/10/2010) to:

Mr. Smith
St. Richard's School
33 East 33rd Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205

In cooperation with your parent(s), kindly access the summer reading list at: http://www.educationworld.com/summer_reading/5th_grade.shtml. Select any three books from the list BUT for Holes. Within a few days of beginning the new academic year I will give you an opportunity to write about each of three books you choose to read off the list.

Have a wonderful summer.

Mr. Smith

Parents (optional)

Dear Parent:

This fall marks a pivotal change for your child and your family: Middle Division!

Kindly take some time to write a letter to me that will assist me to understand your child and be better equipped to teach him or her.

I am interested in anything you want to tell me and deem necessary.

Unless you state otherwise, I will share the letters with all who teach your son or daughter in the interests of your letter helping each of us do a more effective job of understanding and teaching your child.

Kindly mail your letter to me at the school.

Yours truly,

Rod Smith

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