

Dear Parents and Students,

Reading is one of the most important habits one may develop and the one shared most by high achievers. Numerous studies have shown that students who read in the summer, perform better in the fall. Therefore, students entering grades 5-8 are being assigned summer reading again this year.

Students entering fifth grade are to read *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo. Books are available to purchase at Barnes and Noble or Amazon.com. Students are permitted to use their Nook or Kindle for this assignment. **You may also check this book out from the library, however, student will need to bring the book to class during the first two weeks of school.**

As you are reading the book, fill in the comprehension graphic organizer in order to help you understand and remember your story. Please, don't procrastinate! Commit yourself to reading a predetermined amount of pages per day so that you are not overloaded and overwhelmed with work for the last few weeks of summer. Thoroughly complete your reading packet as you read along in the book. You may even want to get together with your friends over summer to form a book club for this book.

Each student is responsible to bring his/her book, completed reading packet and the signed slip below to school the first day back.

Be prepared to discuss and respond to the book both orally and in writing. This will be the focus for the first two weeks of school. If you don't come prepared, you won't be able to participate. There will be a test on the book when we have finished reviewing it in class.

Please feel free to email with any questions you may have.

Enjoy your reading!

Mrs. Mangan

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My child, _____ has read *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo during summer vacation. They have completed their summer reading packet as well.

Parent's signature _____ date _____

Student's signature _____ date _____

Please return this slip and the completed reading packet by Tuesday, August 29th.

ALL ABOUT

(BOOK TITLE)

AUTHOR:

RATING: 

FICTION BOOK COVER

MAIN CHARACTERS

Who are the important characters in the story?

SETTING

When and where does the story take place?
Describe the setting.

SUMMARY

BEGINNING _____

MIDDLE _____

END _____

NAME:

DATE: