

June 2018

Dear Incoming Fifth Graders,

Welcome to fifth grade! I am so excited that you will be joining us at Dana Hall this fall! The Class of 2026 is only the third fifth grade in Dana Hall's 137 year history. I look forward to seeing you grow and develop as a student over the course of the 2018/19 school year. We are going to have some amazing experiences together!

Your first assignment for fifth grade over the summer is to read Faith, Hope, and Ivy June by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. The book tells the story of two girls from very different backgrounds that develop an unlikely friendship. Attached to this letter is the assignment you will complete for the book. Please type the assignment or write it neatly in pencil. If you type, please print the document on paper.

You are also required to read two books from the *Dana Hall Summer Reading List*, a booklet that was mailed to your parents. You can see the booklist online at the library website at the address below. You will choose the two books you want to read, and then do a short assignment for each. You can see the assignment at the end of this document.

In addition to reading the summer books and completing the assignments, you are also required to complete all the lessons in 4th Grade Summer Math Skills Sharpener (refer to the website below for additional information). The lessons are a good review of the concepts necessary to work effectively in Math during the first few weeks of school. Please legibly complete all the lessons in pencil and show all your work. It is helpful to complete these lessons **regularly** throughout the summer rather than waiting until the last couple of weeks prior to the start of school. **Please circle any problems you have difficulty completing.** Also, please remember to bring these completed assignments to the fifth grade classroom on the first day of school.

I am counting down the days until we are all together on September 3, 2018! In the meantime, have a fun and restful summer.

Best wishes,

*Ms. Nick*

Visit the Dana Hall library website to view the summer reading list online:

<http://library.danahall.org/reading-lists/summer-reading/>

## **Summer Reading Book Assignment for Fifth Grade** **Faith, Hope, and Ivy June by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor**

- I. 1. As you read Faith, Hope, and Ivy June, compare and contrast Ivy June to Catherine. How are they different? How are they alike? Use the attached Venn diagram to organize your thoughts. Use the left circle to list characteristics for Ivy June and the right circle for Catherine. Then use the middle (where the circles overlap) to list similar characteristics for the two girls.

*Please make sure you write your first and last name on the top of your paper. Thank you!*

2. Similar to Ivy June and Catherine, you will be attending a new school. Please answer each of the questions below with one or more paragraphs:
- A. Which school would you rather attend: Thunder Creek Middle School or Buckner Academy? Why?
  - B. What do you expect fifth grade to be like at Dana Hall? Why?
  - C. Is Thunder Creek Middle School or Buckner Academy more similar to Dana Hall? Why?

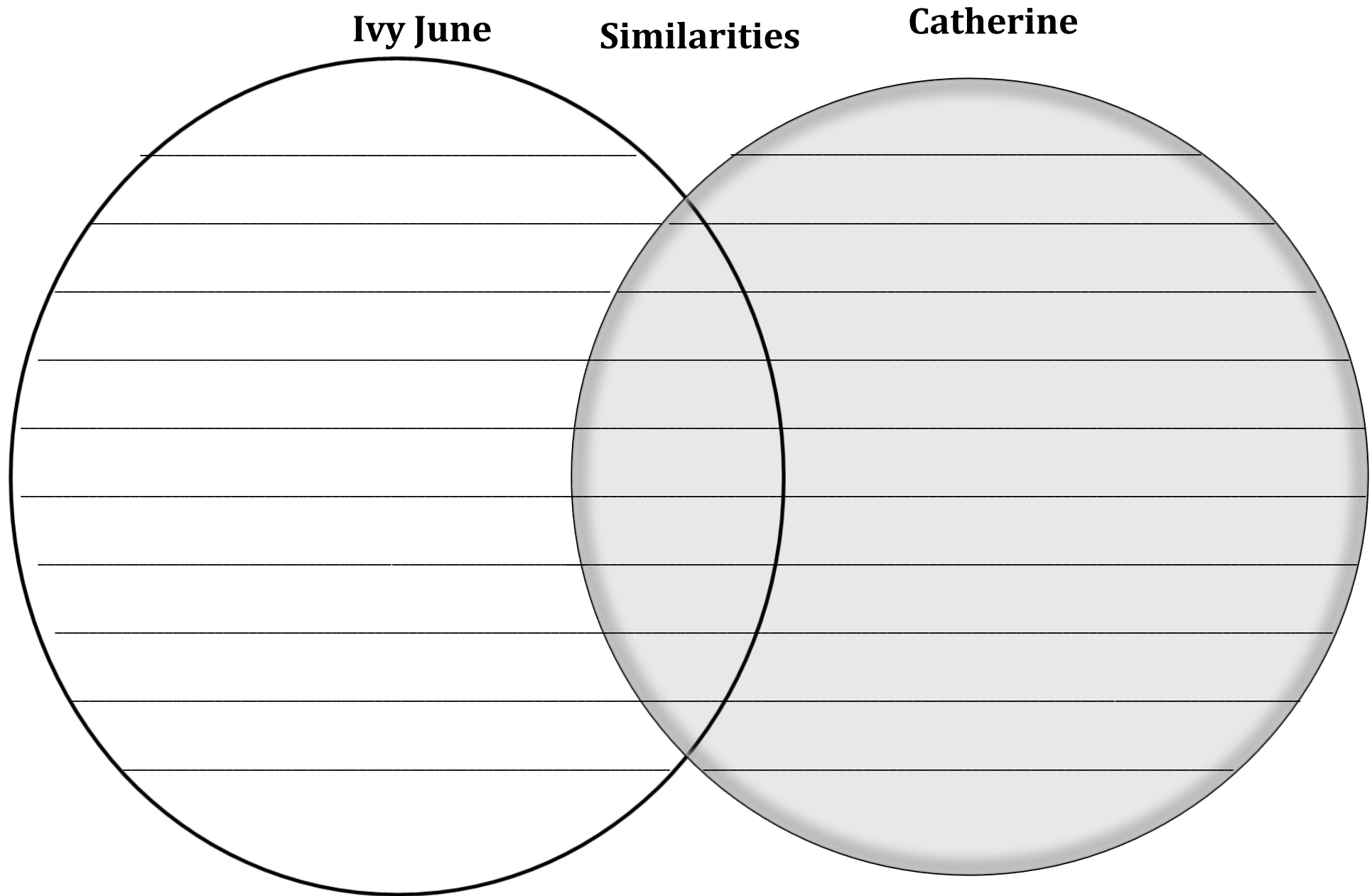
*Please feel free to type or handwrite your answers to questions 2A, 2B, and 2C. Also, please double-space your lines by leaving a blank line after each typed or written line. Finally, please make sure you write your first and last name on the top of your paper. Thank you!*

- II. On a separate sheet of paper, please list the two titles of the books you read from the "Recommended Books for Grade 5" reading list. Then complete the following for each book:
- a. What words would you use to describe the genre of each book? Was it realistic fiction, historical fiction, fantasy, or another genre?
  - b. Write a short summary of each book in complete sentences, in two paragraphs or so. Explain what the book was about. Include the names of the main characters and how they were part of the story. Try to end the summary at a cliffhanger near the end of the book! The cliffhanger will make it more fun to share the summary with your classmates in the fall.

*Please remember to write your first and last name on the top of the sheet of paper. Also, underline each title. Finally, please capitalize all the important words in each title along with the first and last words in the title. Thank you!*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Venn Diagram for Protagonists\* Characteristics in Faith, Hope, and Ivy June



\* A *protagonist* in a story is the main character. In Faith, Hope, and Ivy June, there are two main characters.