

June 2021

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 2029 is only the sixth fifth grade in Dana Hall's 140 year history. I look forward to seeing you grow and develop as a student over the course of the 2021/22 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 who 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*. 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.

Finally, please practice your **touch-typing** skills throughout the summer. All incoming fifth graders are expected to know how to touch-type on the first day of school. Typed assignments are frequently assigned throughout the school year on your school-issued iPad, which you will receive in mid-September.

If you would like to practice touch-typing over the summer, the iPad apps we recommend are:

TapTyping - Paid app.

Word Burst - Free app.

The website we suggest for a Mac computer is:

www.Typingclub.com.

I am counting down the days until we are all together! In the meantime, have a fun, safe, 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 with a cliffhanger from 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!