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H.W. Mountz School

Summer Academics

This summer, rising 5th graders will read the grade-level novel and complete the three leveled articles from Achieve3000 listed below for ELA. For math, they will review 4th grade math skills on Khan Academy. Keep those brains active!



on
A Long Way from Chicago (750L)
 By Richard Peck

Nonfiction Achieve3000

1. The Magic of Oz
2. The Lives They Lived
3. Getting By in Lean Times

Math

Khan Academy

Complete the Mastery Challenges in the Grade 4 Mission

It is recommended that you record responses to these 10 **thought questions**↓

Log in to Achieve3000 and search for these three articles. Read carefully and answer the questions.

Log in to Khan Academy with Google credentials & complete grade 4 Mastery Challenges.

1. What do you notice about each chapter? Hint: look at the title...
2. Which "story" was your favorite and why?
3. The speaker in this novel, Joe Dowdel, is an adult sharing his memories of Grandma Dowdel. He says, "Are all my memories true? Every word, and growing truer with the years." (p. 1) What does Joe mean when he says, "growing truer with years?"
4. Why does Mary Alice say, "I don't think Grandma's a very good influence on us"? (p. 61)
5. How does Grandma Dowdel show her love through actions instead of words?
6. Why does Sheriff Dickerson call Grandma a "one-woman crime-wave"? (p. 57)
7. Joey says, "As the years went by, we'd seem to see a different woman every summer." (p.1) Is it Grandma that changes, or do Joey and Mary Alice understand her differently?
8. Why do you think Grandma takes care of Aunt Puss Chapman?
9. Why did Grandma really enter the county fair pie contest?
10. Is it true that Grandma Dowdel doesn't "give two hoots about the town"? Explain.

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Some excellent books in the 830-1010 Lexile range:

Bud, Not Buddy, by Christopher Paul Curtis
Guys Read series, by various authors
Shiloh, by Phyllis Naylor
A Single Shard, by Linda Sue Park
Harry Potter series, by J.K. Rowling
Milkweed, by Jerry Spinelli

Series of Unfortunate Events series, by Lemony Snicket
Baseball Card Adventure series, by Dan Gutman
Chronicles of Narnia series, by C.S. Lewis
Inkheart, by Cornelia Funke
Hound of the Baskervilles, by Arthur Conan Doyle
The Secret Garden, by Frances Hodgson Burnett

To assess summer work, students will complete a group project and take a quiz on their summer reading; they will assess 4th grade math skills with a beginning of the year math quiz. These will be their first grades in OnCourse in

September! All summer skills work must be completed by August 31, 2016!