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Dear Fifth Grade Students,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying your summer vacation with lots of time for reading! You may recall that your required summer reading book for entering fifth grade is Abel's Island. Perhaps you have read his novel or perhaps you plan to read it closer to the start of school.

In addition to this novel, every student entering fifth grade is required to read **four additional self-selected books and complete the Summer Reading Log** (attached). Please submit the completed Summer Reading Log to me the first day of school. In fact, this assignment will be your first graded English assignment of fifth grade. So, put your best effort forth to start the year off well.

The attached Recommended Summer Reading List should prove helpful to you in making selections for summer reading. I encourage you to visit your local public library and ask the librarians for suggestions as well. My favorite library is the Oakland Branch of the Carnegie Library. Having grown up in Pittsburgh, I spent many hours there every summer, and I still get a warm feeling when I walk into that library and smell books!

Later this summer, I will send you information about the Upper School such as your homeroom, schedule, and what to expect. You have my very best wishes for wonderful summer vacation. Enjoy yourself, and KEEP READING!

Fondly,

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