

June 2010  
Re: Summer Reading Assignment

Dear Students and Parents,

Even though the summer has just begun, I am already looking forward to the new school year with you. As you know, St. Bede's is a special place, a community that values an attitude of learning. To emphasize the importance of that, I have two summer reading assignments for your child as an incoming sixth grader.

Reading is a critical skill to practice and master across the curriculum, but there is a time and place for reading for fun. It is my hope that you'll find these two books awesome books to read this summer.

Please read your books this summer, as you travel or hang out and relax. I recommend getting started sooner rather than later (a theme you'll hear over and over once school begins!).

So, find the books to enjoy, and have a terrific summer. We will see you in August!

Mrs. Marie Hart

The two required books for the incoming sixth graders are:

1. Title: Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery  
Author: John Feinstein  
Genre: Mystery
2. Title: Frindle  
Author: Andrew Clements  
Genre: Fiction

The required assignment for each book is attached.

**Title: Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery**

**Author: John Feinstein**

**Genre: Mystery**

**When you finish reading, think about how you can best present the book to the class. Maybe you'll make a wanted poster for the book's villain or use a shoebox to create a diorama of your favorite scene. You can present your story on a tissue box and use the four sides to show the elements of the mystery: the characters, setting, plot, and conclusion.**

**Whichever one you choose, be creative.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Frindle* by Andrew Clements

Identify the characters in *Frindle*. Use the word bank at the end to complete the character analysis.

The central character in *Frindle* \_\_\_\_\_ the fifth grader who invents the word "frindle." He is intelligent and extremely creative, the innovative mind who engineers elaborate pranks in third and fourth grades. Some might consider him a bit of a troublemaker.

\_\_\_\_\_. She is Nick's fifth grade teacher. She has the reputation of being a tough. She has been teaching at Lincoln Elementary School for years, and is a stickler for proper language use. She is stern, but not mean. She decides to play the villain when Nick instigates his fifth grade disruption with the word "frindle," but deep inside she is respectful of the boy's intelligence and daring.

\_\_\_\_\_ is Nick's third grade teacher. She is young, and new to teaching, and is perhaps a little gullible in playing along with Nick's innovations.

\_\_\_\_\_ is Nick's fourth grade teacher. She looks like a hawk, and tries to keep order in her classroom, but Nick manages to outwit her.

\_\_\_\_\_ is Nick's older brother. He is in college when Nick is in fifth grade, and has set a high academic standard for his little brother.

\_\_\_\_\_ is a reporter for the local newspaper. She is efficient and has a nose for interesting news.

\_\_\_\_\_ is the principal at Lincoln Elementary. She is a large woman who tolerates no nonsense at her school.

\_\_\_\_\_ is Nick's Mom. She sets firm rules for her children's behavior, but is also fun-loving and defends Nick when he gets in trouble for pushing the use of the word "frindle."

\_\_\_\_\_ is Nick's Dad. He is more retiring than Mrs. Allen, and is uncomfortable with all the commotion his son has started.

\_\_\_\_\_ is a local entrepreneur who sees an opportunity in the popularity over the word "frindle" and takes steps to capitalize on it. He does take advantage of Mr. Allen's discomfort with the whole phenomenon, but he is not really a dishonest man, and he sends Nick regular royalties after gaining the rights to market "frindle" products.

\_\_\_\_\_ is a classmate of Nick who is fun-loving and more than willing to take part in Nick's shenanigans.

What is an entrepreneur? \_\_\_\_\_

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Miss Deaver

James Allen

Mrs. Allen

Judy Morgan

Nick Allen

Mrs. Chatham

Mrs. Avery

Mr. Allen

Mrs. Granger

Bud Lawrence

Janet Fisk

