



Cardinal Hickey Academy

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2015 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL



Welcome incoming 5th graders!

June 1, 2023

I hope you have a summer filled with wonder. Take time to pause and watch the world around you. That alone is a form of prayer. When you are not swimming, running, laughing, screaming, eating, or sleeping, how about reading?

Summer assignment: You are to read **1 book of your choice this summer.**

Make sure the book is age appropriate. Upon completion of this book, you will complete the following postcard assignment (due on the first day of school).

Literary Postcard

1. Read the entire book you have chosen.
2. Create a postcard (card stock) *approximately* 6 in. wide and 8 in. long.
3. Correctly address the postcard to Mrs. Weiss and include the school address (1601 West Mt. Harmony Rd. Owings, MD 20736).
4. Draw a stamp in the proper place with a picture and price that reflects the book's theme.
5. In your message to me **include the title and the author, describe the main conflict in the story and one lesson you could learn from the story (apply it to your life), and whether or not you would recommend the book (explain why).** *Follow the rubric on the back!
6. Use complete sentences when you write and make it feel like an actual letter. Include the date, a closing (ex. "Sincerely") and your signature.
7. On the flip side of the postcard, design an illustration that would clearly give a visual clue of the book. Include the title of the book in neat lettering. Consider block or bubble lettering. No stick people are permitted and your illustration should be *filled with a colorful background.*

Good luck and have a delightful summer!

Mrs. Weiss

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Postcard Rubric

Necessary components	Point value	Your points
Postcard is on cardstock and is the correct size	2	
Date is included	1	
Greeting	1	
Title is included (underlined and proper capitalization)	2	
Author	1	
Written in postcard format	2	
Describes conflict	2	
Describes a lesson learned & how it applies to your life	2	
Recommendation of book with brief explanation	2	
Complete sentences/correct spelling & punctuation	3	
Closing & signature	2	
Stamp reflects theme & includes price	2	
Address is correctly written	1	
Writing is neat & in cursive	2	
Illustration fills space & includes title	2	
Illustration enhances reader's interest or understanding	2	
Colored neatly	1	
TOTAL POINTS	30	