Tall Oaks 5th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Dear Parents and Students,

The rising 5th-graders will have a choice of either reading Johanna Spyri's *Heidi* or William Pène du Bois' *The Twenty-One Balloons*. Both are fictional works. Although both books are worthwhile reads, **students will only need to complete the summer reading assignment for <u>one</u> of these books.**

Heidi centers around an orphan girl who ends up living with her grandfather in the Swiss Alps, and then with another family in the city. The story centers around how each key character is influenced and changed by the people around them. Strong spiritual themes of brotherly kindness and trusting in God's purposes and his sovereignty prevail in this book.

The Twenty-One Balloons is about Professor Sherman who, in his desire for a leisurely adventure, stumbles upon the island of Krakatoa. The book focuses on Professor Sherman's adventures on the island of Krakatoa and what he learns about the residents who live there. The book contains an interesting storyline with some fantasy elements. It centers on the decision-making of individuals on the island of Krakatoa, and as such, forces the reader to evaluate the motivations for the choices he makes.

Please choose one of these books to read. Be ready to turn in your summer reading assignment on the first day of school. Again, you will only need to complete the summer reading assignment for the book that you choose to read. We will be discussing the key themes encountered in both those books for the first week of school.

Happy reading!

Mrs. Walker

Choose one of the two following reading responses, corresponding to the book you choose to read:

5th Grade Summer Reading Assignment: Heidi

Heidi is filled with several colorful characters. How would you describe each of the following characters (Ex. Are they wise, helpful, encouraging, impulsive, etc.?). Give specific examples from the book to explain why you chose to describe them in this particular way.

Heidi			
Alm-Uncle (Heidi's grandfather)			
Peter			
Klara			
Grandmamma (Klara's grandmothe	er)		

The book <i>Heidi</i> is also filled with Christian ideals put into pares 2:8 says, "If you really keep the royal law found in Scriptight." Tell me about an example (or two) of brotherly love	oture, "Love your neighbor as yourself, you are doing
comans 8:28 says, "And we know in all things God works for alled according to his purpose." Things don't always go well a bout an example of a character in <i>Heidi</i> trusting in God's seem difficult. Or you can tell me about a character who ur times are hard.	or smoothly for the characters in Heidi. Tell me sovereignty and purposes when circumstances
Describe a time when someone has encouraged you with the eel?	eir words and actions. How did that make you

5th Grade Summer Reading: The Twenty-One Balloons

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lid the other inhabitar	scovers that everyone on Krakatoa is rich because of the diamond mines on the island. Why nts not want Professor Sherman to simply fly over the island? Why did the inhabitants want to sor Sherman landed on the island?
	stical inventions that the residents have come up with on the island of Krakatoa. Describe your t the residents came up with? Why?
f you can invent som picture of it.	nething, what would it be? Describe its design and what it would be used for. Then draw a

In chapter V, a resident of Krakatoa tells Professor Sherman that he could try to leave the island, but as soon as he goes to another country, "You'll start thinking of the fabulous wealth in diamonds you have back in Krakatoa, realize the power of diamonds in other countries, and remember telling of Krakatoa would destroy the diamond market...We each own a fortune about one hundred times as big as the Treasury of the United States."

1 Timothy 6:6-10 says, "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."

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