

# **Fifth Grade Knights Summer Reading Journey**

The summer is often filled with idle hours where frequent comments like “I’m bored” or “There’s nothing to do” can be heard. It is also a known fact that reading is one of the best ways to keep the mind active while taking the participant (that’s you) to unique settings where the possibility of meeting interesting people exists. Alas, the answer to your summer blues is at hand. Your summer reading project is just what the doctor ordered or in this case what Mr. Cash prescribes. This project will incorporate your proclivity (hopefully a strong one) to read and U.S. geography. You will be given a United States map after you submit your first reading log. Each time you read a fifth grade appropriate book, that you have not previously read, you will be given state stickers for your map. I have a suggested reading list if you are interested; however, you should not read the four fifth grade novels listed on the Paragon website since they will be read and studied during the year. The more you read the more stickers you get. Your goal is to read **11 books** by the first day of classes (August 23). I will then give you a grade based on the number of books you have read. As you collect stickers you will also learn the states, their capitals, and their spellings. This will prepare you for geography and spelling tests in August and September. I would also like to encourage you to select a few biographies or books on history to include in your reading list. By doing so you will hopefully learn about some of the people and events we will study in American history in the coming year.

So you are thinking, O.K., I read the books but how do I get my stickers. Good question. The answer: two ways. You may either mail me a list indicating which books you have read or come by school on selected days during the summer to collect the stickers. If you decide to use the U.S. Postal Service, mail the reading log to me at 4006 Travis Country Circle, Austin, TX 78735. Be sure to include your return address so I can mail you the stickers. If you choose to come by Paragon I will collect the reading log from you in person and give you the stickers at that time. I will be at school between 8AM and 9AM on the following days:

June 15

July 13

August 15 (the start of summer camp)

Start early, read often, and enjoy the world of books.