Topeka Collegiate Fourth Grade Mr. Park



Summer Enrichment Packet

Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 4

As you prepare to enter fourth grade at Topeka Collegiate, you should do as much reading as you can throughout the summer months. Reading will help keep your mind active and help ensure that you are ready for your fourth grade year.

Required:

For Fourth Grade Summer Reading, you are required to read <u>Save Me a Seat</u> by Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan. If you have already read this book, please read it again as you complete the literature log activities included in this packet.

As you read the book, complete the questions and activities in the attached packet. Answer the questions as you read each chapter. Please do not wait until you have read the entire book to look at this log.

In addition to reading <u>Save Me a Seat</u>, you are also required to read at **least ONE book off this year's William Allen White list** and complete the book summary sheet for the novel you have chosen. A list of these books is attached.

These are actual fourth grade assignments, and they will be assessed and recorded the first week of school.

This packet is due, in its entirety, on the first day of school. Have a wonderful summer! I look forward to working with you in the fall.

Sincerely,

Mr. Park

This packet needs to be turned in on the first day of school.

Visit the following website to learn more about Sarah Weeks: www.sarahweeks.com or Gita Varadarajan: www.gitavaradarajan

Save Me a Seat

By Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan

Some facts about the book you are going to read this summer.

- Here is a brief summary of the book you'll be reading: Joe and Ravi might be from very different places, but they're both stuck in the same place: SCHOOL. Joe's lived in the same town all his life, and was doing just fine until his best friends moved away and left him on his own. Ravi's family just moved to America from India, and he's finding it pretty hard to figure out where he fits in. Joe and Ravi don't think they have anything in common but soon enough they have a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and a common mission: to take control of their lives over the course of a single crazy week.
- This book is 216 pages in 5 sections totaling 49 chapters.
- The reading level is 3rd to 7th grade.
- Glossaries of Hindi and American terms and two recipes are found in the back of the book.
- When we get back to school in the fall, here are a few concepts we will be discussing together: realistic fiction, cultural roles and traditions, being a new student, and diversity.

There are two ways in which to tackle this summer reading assignment. First, read the book all the way through, then go back and do the assignment pages a section at a time. The second way would be to complete one section at a time. Read one section, then go back and answer the questions. You decide which way works best for you.

 I have also included a map of India and a picture of the flag of India for you to use as a reference.

Bring to School in August

The following things need to be turned in on the first day of school. These will be given a grade included in our first quarter:

- o This entire packet
- o Letter to Me

(You should also bring a copy of *Save Me a Seat* and your William Allen White book to share with your classmates about what you read. If your book was a library book, or you borrowed it and don't have it any longer, I have extra copies of *Save Me a Seat* in the classroom.)

pre-reading activity

Name:
Make a <u>Prediction:</u> Look at the cover of the book. Make a prediction about what you think the book will be about (use both pictures & words)
Text Connections: Imagine that you were told that you were moving to a different country. How would you feel on your first day of school?
Words To Know Assumption (n) the act of supposing something is true without proof
Have you ever made an assumption about someone or has someone made an assumption about you?

A MAP OF INDIA

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India is a country on the continent of ASIA



India is the 7^{TLL} largest country in the world by land size. It is the 2ND most populated with l_0 2 billion people. India comes from the Greek word INDUS which means people who live near the Indus Valley. People in India practice many religions, but most are FIINDU. India is the largest democracy in the world.

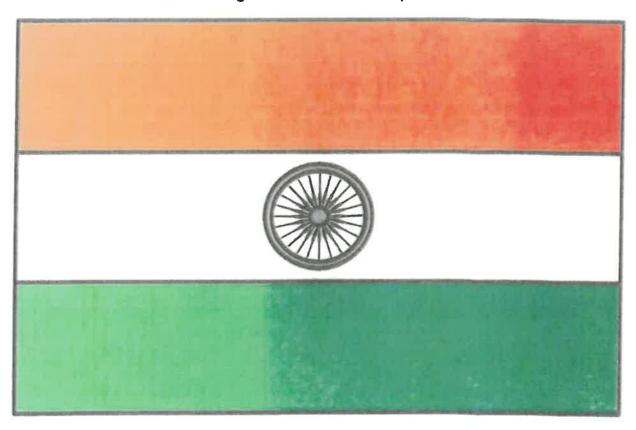
Much of India is very poor, but nationally the economy is growing very fast.

The PEACOCK is the national bird of India, and the TIGER is the national animal. India is the only country in world with both lions and tigers.

Indian money is called RUPEES.

THE FLAG OF INDIA

The current Flag of India was adopted in 1947.



Meaning of the Colors: Saffron - Courage and Sacrifice

Truth and Peace

Green - Growth and Prosperity

In the Center: The blue Ashoka Chakra is also called the

Wheel of Law. It has 24 spokes that stand for:

Simplicity Forgiveness Property Honesty
Health Love Industry Justice

Peace Friendship Safety Cooperation

Sacrifice Community Awareness Duties

Morality Organization Equality Rights

Service Welfare Thrift Wisdom

Monday: Chicken Fingers

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1.	Why did Ravi's family	move	to the U	S.? (c	CHAPTERS (Ircle one)	1-8
A.	His father got a promotion at	work	C.	Ravi's	grandparents were living t	here
B.	Ravi received a scholarship f	or scho	pol D.	Amm	a had friends in the U.S	
2.	How does Joe feel abo	out the	e first day	of so	chool?	
	Choose one word that best d	escribe	s his feeling	8		
3. 1	Who is Amma? (circle	one)				
A.	Ravi's Father C.	Ravi's	Grandmot	her		
B.	Ravi's Mother D.	Ravi'	's Teacher			
4. N	1r. Barnes is Joe and R	avi's 5	5 th grade	teach	er	_
					(true or false)	
	Uhat does Ravi do on the esmates to laugh at him			schoo	ol that causes his	
A. I	He trips in the cafeteria		C	. He c	alls Mrs. Beam 'Mom'	
B. 1	He walks into the wrong class	room	D	. He s	tands up to answer questi	ons
6. U	Jhat subject does Ravi hop	oe to Ir	mpress Mr	s. Bear	n with? (circle one)	
Α.	Science	C.	Math			
B. (Writing	D _e	Reading			

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Ar	nswer the following questions using complete sentences.
	Ravi and Joe both discuss Dillon Samreen. How are their perceptions of a different? Provide examples from the story.
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	Why does Joe feel completely embarrassed on his first day of nool?
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q .	Contrast lunch in America to lunch in India. Give at least two examples.
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10.	In what ways are Joe and Ravi similar?

Tuesday: Hamburgers

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1.	Who does Ravi think desk? (circle one)	tripped him as he	CHAPTERS 9- was walking back to his
Α.	Joe	C. Ethan	
В.	Miss Frost	D. Dillon	
2.	How does Joe feel wh	nen Mrs. Beam ask	s him to go with Miss Frost?
	Choose one word that best	t describes his feelings	
3.	What word does Mrs	s. Beam ask Ravi l	to define? (circle one)
Α.	Nutrients	C. Assimilate	
B.	Perception	D. Multiplication	
4. \	Joe was upset that he	e didn't find the do	ouble blue M&M before Ravi
	155	(true or false)	
	What was the purposite? (circle one)	e of the exercise	that Miss Frost did with
A.	To help train his brain to fo	ocus on his work	C. To help him with science
В.	To give him time to cool of	tt	D. To help him learn to read
6.0	What nickname does	Ravi give Joe? (c	ircle one)
Α.	Мор Тор	C. Big Joe	

Pud

Big Foot

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.
7. Name the two ways that Ravi tries to impress Mrs. Beam. How does Mrs. Beam react each time?
8. How does Joe's APD (Auditory Processing Disorder) affect him at school?
9. Why does Miss Frost tell Ravi that assumptions are often wrong?
10. Why does Joe say that Ravi may not be as smart as he thinks he is?

Wednesday: Chili

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			CHAPTERS 17-2	5			
1.	What does Ravi b	ring to	to school to impress Mrs. Beam? (circle one)				
A.	His all-star cricket awa	rd	C. Indian Cookies				
₿.	His favorite Indian book	K	D. His math book from last year				
2.	How does Ravi fee	l abou	ut going to gym class?				
	Choose one word that	best de	describes his feelings				
3.	Who hit Ravi with	the t	baseball? (circle one)				
Α.	Joe	C. Per	erippa				
B.	Dillion	D. Co	oach Victorine				
	4. Amma has the 'black tongue', which to some means that she has magical powers.						
			(true or false)				
		_	o let Dillon get to him. What animal does he cafeteria? (circle one)				
Α.	A chipmunk	C.	. A beagle				
D	An alliagtor	D	A blue tay				

Why does Ravi spit out the Chili? (circle one)

C. It's too spicy

Dillon makes him laugh

6.

Α.

В.

He's a vegetarian

It's too hot

Answer the following questions using complete sentences	
7. What does Ravi mean on page 133 when he says that he is getting taste of his own medicine?) a
8. Why do you think Joe refers to Ravi as a zebra?	
9. How is gym different in America vs. in India. Give at least two examples from the story.	•
10. What do the other 5 th graders do when Dillon starts bullying Ravi? What should they have done?	

Save me a seat Thursday: Macaroni & Cheese

A tea strainer

His dad's tie

Α.

B.

na	ame:		·····		M	
					CHAPTI	ERS 26-29
1.	What do Joe's mom \$ morning? (circle one)	dad	i want to	talk to Joe al		
A.	His bad grades	C.	Dillon Samre	en bullying him		
B.	His APD diagnosis	D.	Why he's b	eing mean to Ro	N/I	
2.	How does Perimma feel	abo	out the note	e in Ravi's bac	okpack and l	nis bruise i
	Choose one word that best de	ecrit	bes her feelir	Jas		
3.	Who writes an apology	no	te to Joe?	' (circle one)		
A.	Mr Sylvester	C.	Ravi			
B.	Dillion	D.	Mr. Barnes			
4.	Joe & Ravi did not go t	0 80	chool on T	hursday.		
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	(true	or false)			
5.	What assignment does l	₹a∨	ı & Joe ho	ve due on F	rıday? (cırc	le one)
A.	100 multiplication problems		C.	A Bud, not Bud	dy book preser	ntation
B.	A Scholastic news article repo	rt	D.	A personal ref	lection	
	What is Ravi's grandfathas an idea for his proje		_		hen he tells	Ravi that

C. Naan Khatais

A crumpled up note

Answer the following questions using <u>complete sentences</u> . 7. What caused Joe to scream, "NO!" and to bang his fists on the table?	
8. What does Joe's father say about immigrants and Dillon Samreen? Why is he not correct?	> -
9. What does the poster that Amma and Perimma made Ravi have of the thing want it to accomplish?	- n -
10. Why do you think Ravi finally tells his family what's really been bothering him at school?	

Friday: Pizza

Lucy

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1.	What does Ravi bring in one)	for	his personal reflec	ctioi	CHAPTERS 30- n object? (circle	-49
Α.	A dish of M&M's	C.	Leeches			
B.	A cricket bat	D.	A tiffin box			
2.	How do both Joe and Ray	/1 f e	eel as they walk to s	cho	ol on Friday?	
	Choose one word that best de	scrib	es both their feelings _			
3.	Who got sick during Rav	/l's :	story? (circle one)			
A.	Miss Frost	C.	Tım/Jım			
B.	Lucy Mulligan	D.	Emily Mooney			
4.	Joe's mom quit her job	o at	Albert Einstein Eler	ner	ntary.	
		rue	or false)			
5.	What does Ravi finally w	vork	c up the courage to	do	? (circle one)	
A.	Tell Mrs. Beam that she is pron Sit with Caleb at lunch	ound	oing his name wrong	С. D.	Eat meat Play baseball	
	Whose notecard read, " role one)	the	re is more to me th	nan	meets the eye"?)
A.	Joe	O. 1	Dillon			

Ravi

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.
7. What did Ravi see as his opportunity to redeem himself from his past bullying behaviors?
8. Do you think Mrs. Beam will choose to play the personal reflection game again? Support your answer with details from the story.
9. In what ways has Joe changed from the first day of school to the 5th day of 5th grade?
10. What has Ravi learned about himself so far in 5 th grade? How do you think the rest of the year will go for him?

Letter Writing Assignment

Please write a hand-written friendly letter to Mr. Park about Save Me a Seat.

Make sure to include:

- ✓ A heading (the date at the top)
- ✓ A greeting (Dear Mr. Park)
- ✓ A closing (Sincerely, your name)

In the body of your letter be sure to include:

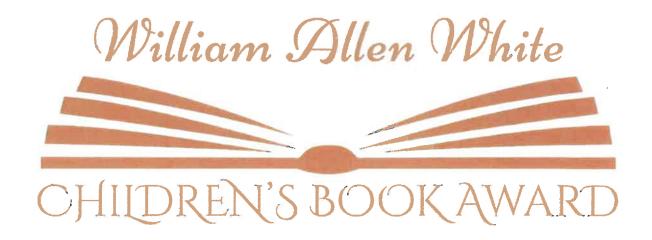
- ✓ A starting sentence that states the name of the book along with the author(s).
- ✓ Two of your favorite parts and why.
- ✓ A part of the story that reminds you of your life or another book you
 have read and why.
- ✓ How the book made you feel.
- ✓ Any questions you would like to ask Mr. Park about the story or the author.

Book Summary Sheet

(Complete this for your William Allen White Book)

Your Name:				
Title of Book:				
Author:				
Setting (Time	& Place):			
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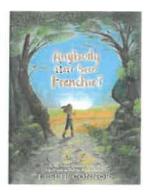
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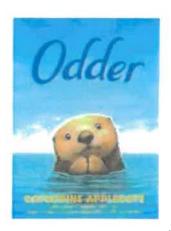
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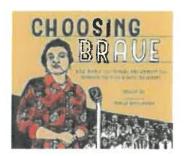


Eleven-year-old Aurora Petrequin's best friend has never spoken a word to her. In fact, Frenchie Livernois doesn't talk. Aurora is bouncy, loud and impulsive. Making friends has never come easily. When Frenchie, who is autistic, silently chose Aurora as his person back in third grade, she chose him back. They make a good team, sharing their love of the natural world in coastal Maine. In the woods, Aurora and Frenchie encounter a piebald deer, a rare creature with a coat like a patchwork quilt. Whenever it appears, Aurora feels compelled to follow. At school, Aurora looks out for Frenchie, who has been her classmate until this year.



Odder spends her days off the coast of central California, practicing her underwater acrobatics and spinning the quirky stories for which she's known. She's a fearless daredevil, curious to a fault. But when Odder comes face-to-face with a hungry great white shark, her life takes a dramatic turn, one that will challenge everything she believes about herself—and about the humans who hope to save her

Inspired by the true story of a Monterey Bay Aquarium program that pairs orphaned otter pups with surrogate mothers, this poignant and humorous tale told in free verse examines bravery and healing through the eyes of one of nature's most beloved and charming animals,



Mamie Till-Mobley is the mother of Emmett Till, the 14-year-old boy who was brutally murdered while visiting the South in 1955. His death became a rallying point for the civil rights movement, but few know that it was his mother who was the catalyst for bringing his name to the forefront of history.

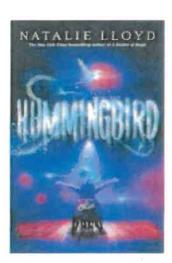
In Choosing Brave, Angela Joy and Janelle Washington offer a testament to the power of love, the bond of motherhood, and one woman's unwavering advocacy for justice. It is a poised, moving work about a woman who refocused her unimaginable grief into action for the greater good. Mamie fearlessly refused to allow America to turn away from what happened to her only child. She turned pain into change that ensured her son's life mattered.

Timely, powerful, and beautifully told, this thorough and moving story has been masterfully crafted to be both comprehensive and suitable for younger readers.



Maggie Stephens's stutter makes school especially hard. She will do almost anything to avoid speaking in class or calling attention to herself. So when her unsympathetic father threatens to send her away for so-called "treatment," she reluctantly agrees to her mother's intervention plan: a few weeks in the fresh air of Wildoak Forest, visiting a grandfather she hardly knows. It is there, in an extraordinary twist of fate, that she encounters an abandoned snow leopard cub, an exotic gift to a wealthy Londoner that proved too wild to domesticate. But once the cub's presence is discovered by others, danger follows, and Maggie soon realizes that time is running out, not only for the leopard, but for herself and the forest as well.

Told in alternating voices, Wildoak shimmers with beauty, compassion, and unforgettable storytelling as it explores the delicate interconnectedness of the human, animal, and natural worlds.



Twelve-year-old homeschooled Olive is tired of being seen as "fragile" just because she has osteogenesis imperfecta (otherwise known as brittle bone disease) so she's thrilled when she finally convinces her parents to let her attend Macklemore Elementary. Olive can't wait to go to a traditional school and make the friends she's always longed for, until a disastrous first day dashes her hopes of ever fitting in.

Then Olive hears whispers about a magical, wish-granting hummingbird that supposedly lives near Macklemore. It'll be the solution to all her problems! If she can find the bird and prove herself worthy, the creature will make her most desperate, secret wish come true.

When it becomes clear that she can't solve the mystery on her own, Olive teams up with some unlikely allies who help her learn the truth about the bird. And on the way, she just might learn that our fragile places lead us to the most wonderful magic of all...



Peter and his best friend, Tommy, have a goal for their last summer before middle school: finish their Discovery Journal, a catalog of the wildlife around their Florida town. When they spot a manatee in a canal, Peter knows they've found something special—and when the manatee is injured by a boat, something to protect!

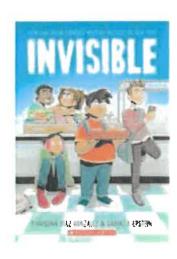
As Peter joins the fight to save Florida manatees, he also finds himself taking care of his ailing grandfather and facing an unwelcome surprise that jeopardizes his friendship with Tommy. Soon Peter is adrift, navigating shifting tides and realizing that he has as much to discover about himself as he does about the world around him.



Legendary ice cream makers Ben & Jerry are behind some of the wackiest, tastiest flavors we know and love. It all began when two groovy guys, Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield, met when they were 12 years old. Ben liked art, Jerry liked science, and they both loved food . . . especially ice cream!

They started a business together, and with no idea how to actually make ice cream, they made it happen with teamwork, determination, and an appetite for fun and experimentation. When the doors of Ben & Jerry's Homemade ice cream shop finally opened, crowds flocked. But the pair would still have a rocky road ahead—and ambitious activist goals to fulfill.

Chock-full of facts and humor, this entertaining biography about two hardworking partners living their American Dream gives readers plenty to chew on. Through their inventiveness, passion, and activism, Ben & Jerry dreamed of making the world a better, more delicious place—one scoop at a time.



Can five overlooked kids make one big difference? There's George: the brain, Sara: the loner, Dayara: the tough kid, Nico: the rich kid, And Miguel: the athlete.

And they're stuck together when they're forced to complete their school's community service hours. Although they're sure they have nothing in common with one another, some people see them as all the same . . . just five Spanish-speaking kids.

Then they meet someone who truly needs their help, and they must decide whether they are each willing to expose their own secrets to help... or if remaining invisible is the only way to survive middle school.

With text in English and Spanish, Invisible features a groundbreaking format paired with an engaging, accessible, and relatable storyline. This Breakfast Club--inspired story by Christina Diaz Gonzalez, award-winning author of Concealed, and Gabriela Epstein, illustrator of two Baby-Sitters Club graphic novel adaptations, is a must-have graphic novel about unexpected friendships and being seen for who you really are.

Summer Math Practice

Use the following websites to practice your math skills this summer!

▶ iPad/Tablet Apps:

- Mathmateer
- Sushi Monster
- Thinking Blocks Multiplication
- Crazy Times Tables
- There are many more, just make sure they are age appropriate

> Websites (These are also good to practice/review other math concepts):

- Aplus Math https://www.varsitytutors.com/aplusmath
- Prodigy https://www.prodigygame.com
- Mathville https://www.mathville.com
- Math Cats https://www.mathcats.com
- Math Playground https://www.mathplayground.com
- Figure This https://www.figurethis.nctm.org/index.html
- FunBrain https://www.funbrain.com/math-zone
- Academic Skill Builders https://www.academics.com

Practicing should not take any longer than 5 - 10 minutes at a time. Try to do as much multiplication fact practice as you can during the summer. Why? Multiplication facts are a stepping stone in mathematics, memorizing your facts is a confidence booster, knowing your facts helps you say engaged, and multiplication is used in real life every day. You'll thank me later:)