

Prince of Peace Catholic School Summer Reading Requirements

Entering 5th graders (2019– 2020)

Students are required to read **two books**. One of the books must be A Week in the Woods by Andrew Clements. Students may choose the other book, following these guidelines:

- The book has won a Newbery Award. (Example: *Holes* by Louis Sachar)(**NO graphic novels**)
- The book has been recognized as a Newbery Honor book. (Example: *Dogsong* by Gary Paulsen)
- The author has been recognized as a Newbery Medal/Honor Book recipient. (Example: Kate DiCamillo has won the Newbery Award for two books, Flora and Ulysses and The Tale of Despereaux. She has won a Newbery Honor for Because of Winn Dixie. Therefore, any title by the author Kate DiCamillo would be acceptable, even if the book hasn't won a Newbery Medal.)
- The book is 150 pages or more.
- **The student has not previously read the book, had it read aloud to him/her, or seen a movie based on the book.**

A complete list of Newbery Medal and Honor Books, from 1922 – present, can be found at:

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newberymedal>

- For *A Week in the Woods* students should download, print, and complete the test provided for you on the website.
- For the OTHER book read, students should:

1.) Flag 15 unfamiliar words encountered during the reading of the novel.

2.) After reading, head a piece of loose-leaf paper. On the paper:

- ✓ Write each word
- ✓ Write the page # on which the word was found
- ✓ Copy the sentence from the story that contains the word. Neatly underline the word.
- ✓ Use a dictionary or online dictionary to define the word as it relates to the context of the sentence.
- ✓ Write the definition

Please do NOT read the following novels as they will be covered in class this year:

Bud, Not Buddy Hatchet Tuck Everlasting Number the Stars Holes

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

- **Do not choose a book that the student has previously read independently, had it read aloud to him/her, covered in a previous grade, or seen a movie based on the book.**

Name _____ Date _____

Book Test For

A Week in The Woods

By Andrew Clements

1. Who began the tradition of having a week in the woods?

- a. Mr. Maxwell
- b. Mr. Chelmsley
- c. Mrs. Stearns
- d. Mr. Harris



2. In the beginning of the book, Mark was

- a. excited about getting to move to New Hampshire.
- b. angry about the fact that his family would be moving again.
- c. wishing his family wasn't so poor.
- d. feeling lucky to have a dad who spent so much time with him.

3. Which of these statements is true of Mr. Maxwell?

- a. He was the principal of the school.
- b. He built a log house, he used to be a boy scout, and he never married.
- c. He was a bachelor, he hated children, and he was disorganized.
- d. He was usually late to school and he drove a red pickup truck.

4. Leon and Anya were

- a. Mark's best friends in New York.
- b. the only kids that were nice to Mark in New Hampshire.
- c. caretakers for Mark's family.
- d. none of the above

5. Mark spoiled his science teacher's demonstration of _____.

- a. the Wright brothers first flight
- b. gravity
- c. a volcano's eruption
- d. the explosion of the Hindenburg

A Week in the Woods, continued

6. What was Mark given permission to do at his new home that made him the happiest?

- a. spend the night alone in the barn
- b. have his own bedroom on the top floor
- c. build a treehouse
- d. snowmobiling through the woods

7. What activities did Mark and Jason do together that helped them bond?

- a. They went shopping for camping gear and played together after school.
- b. They jumped off the dock, competed in a race, and took a hike together.
- c. They got lost in the woods, failed the science quiz, and ate lunch together.
- d. They shared a bunk, carried wood together, and were scavenger hunt partners.

8. What is "zero tolerance" and what does it have to do with this book? (2 points)

9. Describe why Mr. Maxwell wanted to suspend Mark from the camping trip. Include information from the text that tells what Mark did as well as how Mr. Maxwell felt about Mark. (4 points)



10. Summarize what happened to Mark after Mr. Maxwell told him to go to the truck. Include at least 4 details in your summary. (4 points)

11. In what ways did Mark change during the book? (3 points)

