

SUMMER RESOURCES - 2023-2024

GRADE 5

**Summer Reading Book - *Pax* by Sara Pennypacker**

*Assignments - Choose one of the following creative projects:*

1. **MAP IT** - Create a map to show Peter's travels. Be creative and use color and symbols. Use a piece of cardstock or poster board no larger than 11 x 14.
2. **GROUPS OF ANIMALS** - The author of *Pax* refers to collections of animals and birds using terms that denote the type of group it is. Other than common terms like herds or flocks, what terms are used to refer to a group of crows, a group of foxes, and other groups of animals? Research different terms that can be used to refer to a group of animals or birds and make a list of the terms. Choose one group of animals and draw them on a piece of cardstock or poster board no larger than 11 x 14. Label the poster with the name of the animal, group name, and 5 interesting facts about the animal.
3. **BOOK JACKET** - Design a book jacket for the book. Include a synopsis of the novel on the front fly, an author biography on the black flap, and some reviews on the back cover.

*Writing Assignment - Choose one of the following topics. Then, create a Google Doc and write a paragraph responding to the prompt. Make sure you answer the questions in your response. Please use 12 pt. Times New Roman and double spaced in your format. Your name, grade, and date completed must be in the upper left hand corner. Finally, add a creative title.*

1. Pax is not welcomed by some of the wild foxes. How do the wild foxes treat Pax? Why do they treat him the way they do? How does Pax gain acceptance by the wild foxes?
2. Peter carries his mother's bracelet with him when he leaves his grandfather's house. What does the bracelet look like? Why does Peter carry it with him? What does it symbolize to Peter, and what did it symbolize for his mother?
3. Pax has believed that humans are basically good. How does Pax feel about humans at the beginning of the novel? What does Pax learn about humans as the novel progresses? What does he learn about Peter? How and why do Pax's view of humans begin to change in the book?

**YOU WILL RECEIVE EXTRA CREDIT IF YOU COMPLETE THE SUMMER WORK BEFORE THE START OF SCHOOL AND EMAIL IT TO ME. SEND THE DOC AND A PICTURE OF THE PROJECT.**

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**BOOKS FOR IN CLASS READING - The first book must be in school by September 25th.**

1. ***Woof*** - Spencer Quinn ISBN: (978-0-545-86426-8)
2. ***From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*** - E.L. Konigsburg ISBN: (978-0-689-971181-7)

