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## Welcome to Fifth Grade at Hartfield Academy!

Summer Reading and **REQUIRED** Book Assignments for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 2018-2019 class.

**Loser** by Jerry Spinelli

**No Talking** by Andrew Clements

You are required to read both books listed above and take an A.R. test on each book by the end of the first week of school on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. You will receive two reading quiz grades from these A.R. tests.

### Assignment #1

You will be required to answer the attached questions from Loser. Answer in complete sentences.

### Assignment #2

From No Talking:

- Write a letter to your teacher explaining why you would like to hold a No Talking Contest in your classroom. Do you think the activity will be easy or difficult? What do you hope to learn from this contest? Use details from the book to support your reasons.

The questions and letter writing assignment will be due on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. You will receive 2 English quiz grades for these assignments. We will be grading on complete sentences, capitalization, punctuation, content, and neatness. Ten points will be taken off each day for late work after August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!

The Fifth Grade Teachers

Name \_\_\_\_\_

After reading Loser, answer the following questions in complete sentences:

1. What does Zinkoff wear his first day of school despite his mother telling him not to?

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2. What does Miss Meeks calculate during her opening-day speech?

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3. What does his mother give Zinkoff to reward him? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What does Miss Meeks make Zinkoff wear when he misbehaves? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. How is Miss Meeks different from Mrs. Biswell? Compare how each views Zinkoff's handwriting?

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6. Why can't Zinkoff go with his father on Take Your Kid to Work Day? How does his father make it up to him? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. When he is stuck at home after his operation, why does Zinkoff think about the Waiting Man?

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8. Who in the book do you think believes Zinkoff is a loser? Who doesn't? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Why does Zinkoff spend Field Day with the old lady on Willow Street? What does this show about Zinkoff's character? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Why do you think Bonce eventually calls Zinkoff's name at the end of the book? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. If Zinkoff was in your class, would you be friends with him? What qualities does he have that would make him a good or bad friend? \_\_\_\_\_

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