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Dear Rising 5th Graders,

I hope that you are planning on a very restful summer, because we are going to have a very busy, very exciting 2008-2009 school year! This will be your first summer where you are assigned summer reading. I have chosen a book that I think you are really going to enjoy. The name of the book is Hatchet by Gary Paulsen.

When you return to school next August, you will be required to turn in a book project, and take a test over the book. These will be your first three grades in English.

Project Ideas

- 1. Create a diorama using a shoe box, or other small box. Create one of your favorite scenes from the story. Be prepared to tell the class about your diorama.**
- 2. Dress up like Brian and tell us what happened to you when your plane crashed in the Canadian wilderness.**
- 3. Write a traditional book report. Your report should include: the setting, an account of the events that took place in the story, descriptions of the main characters and your opinion of the book.**
- 4. Write a skit (short play). Turn what happened in the story into dialogue. You can practice with some of your classmates and perform the skit.**
- 5. Using what you learned from Hatchet, create a survival guide for others who may be stranded in the wilderness. You should have a section on Food and Water, Clothing, Shelter, and Safety.**

The Beaufort Bookstore will have copies of the novel.

Happy Reading and Have a GREAT Summer!!!

Mrs. Lacombe