

REQUIRED READING FOR SUMMER 2018

For students entering grade 5

Dear Parents,

While many students have ambitious reading programs of their own, we feel that some direction on our part for all students is in order. In support of this belief, the 5th grade reading teacher has prepared a summer reading requirement for students entering grade 5.

The requirement for students entering 5th grade is to read **two books**. **The books must be read before school starts on August 13, 2018.**

The first required book is a special project Runnels School is embarking on for our 4th-6th grade students, a shared reading experience called "One School, One Book." Every 4th-6th grade student is expected to read the same book this summer – **Katherine Applegate's *Wishtree***. We have found that when a group of students reads the same book there is a lot to talk about! Throughout the first weeks of school, our reading classes will discuss ***Wishtree***, and students will also participate in several activities related to the book. While reading this book, it is **not required** for students to complete the graphic organizer.

The second book required is to be selected from the attached list of books. During the first week of school, the children will be completing a project during reading class related to the book that was selected. This project will demonstrate that each child read and understood the chosen book. While reading their book, it is **required** for students to complete the graphic organizers attached.

The East Baton Rouge Public Library would be an excellent source for books. Most local bookstores will have several of the titles and would assist you in ordering a title not on the shelves. Many, if not most, are available in paperback form. Unfortunately, borrowing from the school library is not an option – we're just not setup for circulation during the summer months.

If your child has already read several titles on the list, encourage him or her to select an "unread" title to read.

As always, thank you for your cooperation. Please feel free to email the reading teacher at m.mackay@runnels.org with any questions about the summer reading requirement.

Sincerely,

Marcia Mackay
Principal

SUMMER READING LIST FOR

STUDENTS ENTERING 5TH GRADE IN 2018-2019

Choose one book from the following list:

Wildfire Run

Garretson, Dee

A relaxing retreat to Camp David turns deadly after a faraway earthquake sets off a chain of disastrous events that traps the president's twelve-year-old son, Luke, and his two friends within the compound.

The PS Brothers

Boelts, Maribeth

Sixth-graders Russell and Shawn work together to earn money for a puppy to protect them from bullies. When they learn about a dog-fighting ring where dogs are often brutally injured, they are torn about how to respond.

Pack of Dorks

Vrabel, Beth

Propelled from the coolest to the lamest after kissing Tom Lemmings, Lucy tries to navigate the social hierarchy of fourth grade.

Pie

Weeks, Sarah

Alice's aunt Polly passes away and entrusts the recipe for her world-famous pie crust to her cat, which she leaves in Alice's care. As everyone tries to discover the secret ingredients, Alice learns some important lessons about faith, love, and family.

The Emerald Atlas

Stephens, John

Kate, Michael, and Emma have passed from one orphanage to another in the ten years since their parents disappeared, but now they learn they have special powers, a prophesied quest to find a magical book, and a fearsome enemy. Book #1

Closed for the Season

Hahn, Mary Downing

An unsolved murder and an amusement park, one supposedly closed for the season, set up a mystery that two 13-year-old boys are determined to solve.

Benjamin Franklinshtein Lives!

McElligott, Matthew

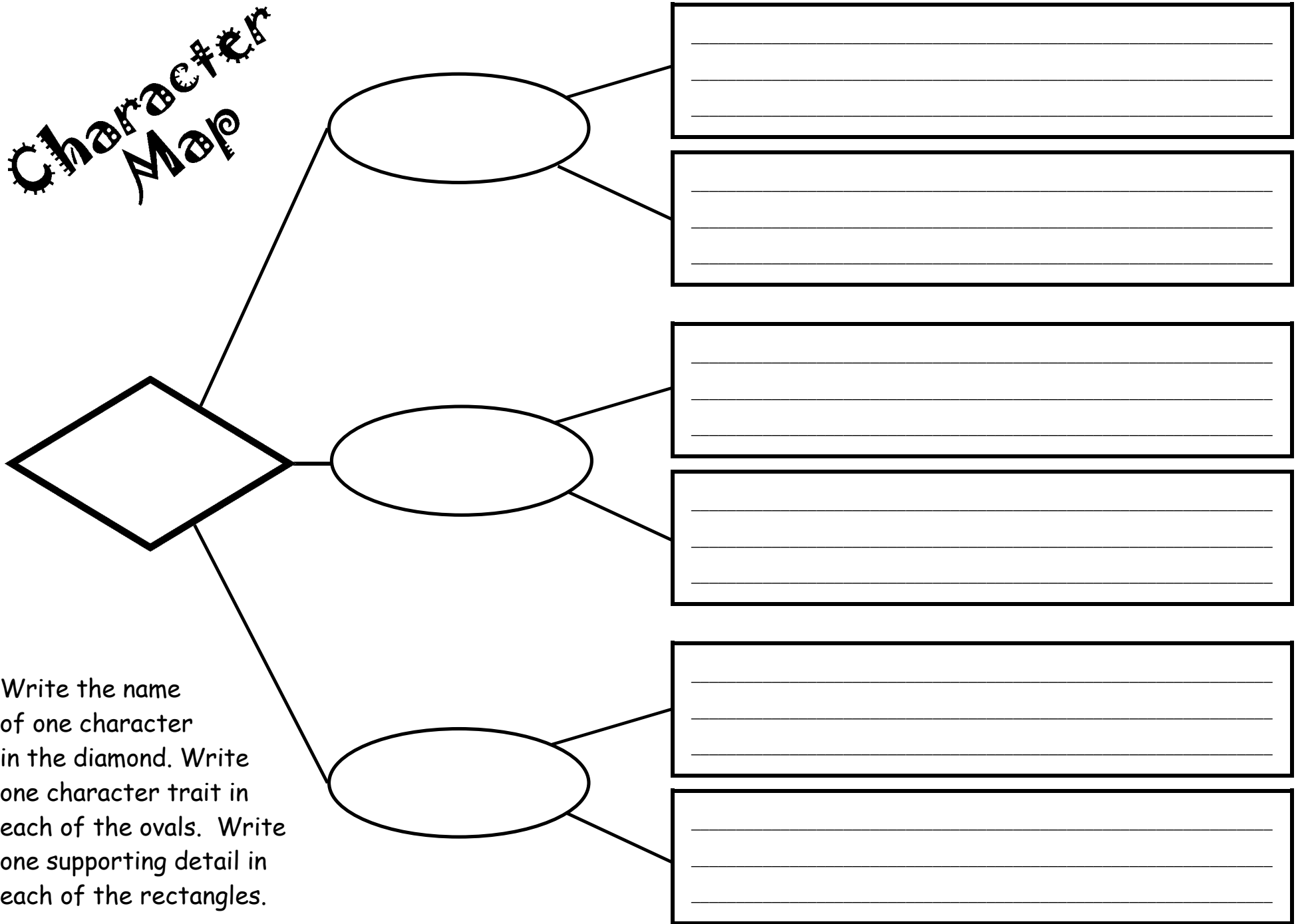
While working on a science fair project, a Philadelphia school boy discovers both a secret laboratory in his basement and Benjamin Franklin, who comes to life after receiving a jolt of electricity. The coauthor is Larry Tuxbury. Book #1

Ellie's Story

Cameron, W. Bruce

Trained since puppyhood as a search-and-rescue dog, Ellie can track and find people who are physically lost, but it is her owners, widower Jakob and lonely Maya, who challenge her to find a way to save people who are lost in other ways.

Character Map



Write the name of one character in the diamond. Write one character trait in each of the ovals. Write one supporting detail in each of the rectangles.

Name _____ Class Period _____ Date _____

Sequence Chain

Title:
Author:

Characters:

Setting
Place:
Time:

