

May 28th, 2021

*An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.*

-Proverbs 18:15

Dear incoming 5th grade students and parents,

I cannot wait to start this next year with you. This summer packet is meant to keep your math and reading skills sharpened as well as help prepare you for the expectations of the upcoming school year. In many ways, the expectations as a fifth grader will be the same as when you were fourth graders. In other ways, however, you will be challenged and asked to meet those challenges with commitment and determination.

### **Mathletics**

We will continue to use Mathletics over the summer. You are already registered, and enclosed in this envelope is your sign in and password information.

**YOUR GOAL IS TO COMPLETE 4 certificates**

### **Reading**

You will be required to read the two following books:

1. *The Trumpet of the Swan* by E.B. White (21 chapters, 210 pages)
2. *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell (28 chapters, 177 pages)

Two *different* assignments are attached, one for each of the books.

After reading both books, you will choose **ONE** of the two assignments to complete.

You may do both assignments if you wish but only one is required.

For the book you do not complete the assignments for, you will write a short (1-2 paragraph) summary of the book. You can complete this part on a lined sheet of paper.

You should read these books independently but, if necessary, you can also use a read aloud or listen to it via audio. You are also encouraged to read two additional books within the appropriate AR level beyond the required reading.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [gbarroso@basilicaschool.com](mailto:gbarroso@basilicaschool.com). I will be traveling to Montana in July, hopefully visiting the Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge (spoiler alert for Trumpet of the Swan!). Have a fantastic summer and can't wait to see you all soon!

Best,  
Mr. Barroso

Summer  
Assignment for

*The Trumpet of the  
Swan*

# LOUIS' Obstacles

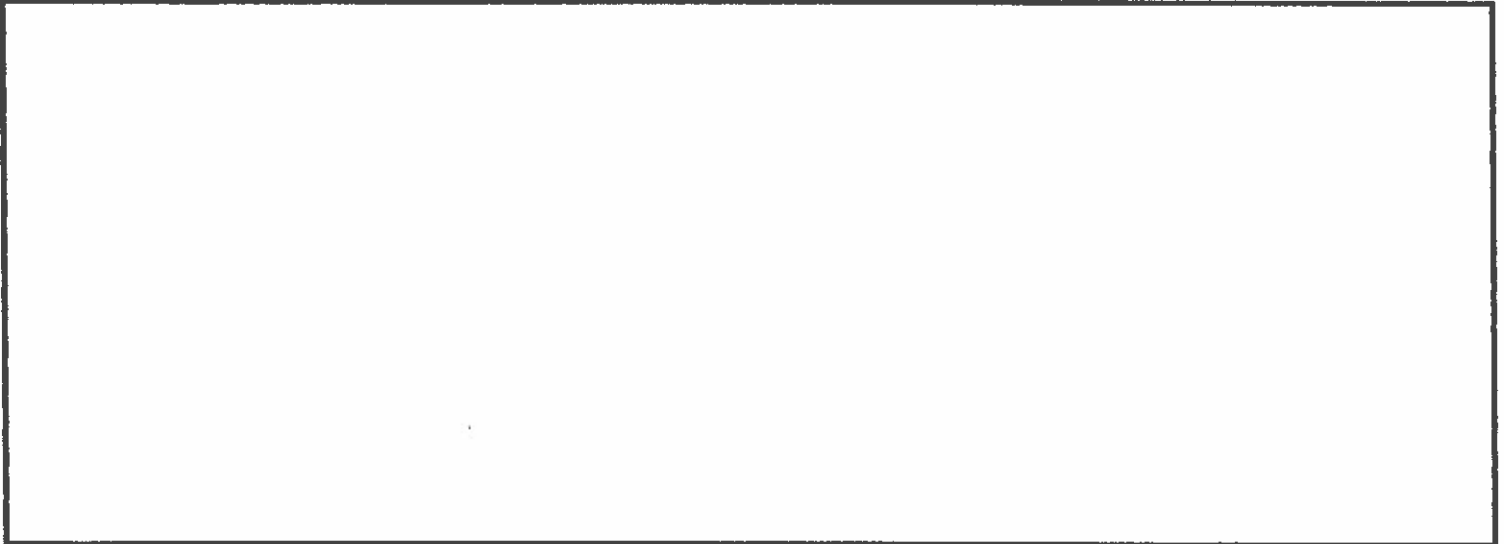
Louis encounters many problems, or obstacles, throughout the story. In the first three rows below, write about his obstacles. Then, write about how he overcame these obstacles. If an obstacle doesn't get resolved, explain why. In the last row, write about one of your own obstacles that you have recently dealt with. Then, write about how you overcame your obstacle. If it didn't get resolved, explain why.

	<h2>Obstacles</h2> <p>What are the problems?</p>	<h2>Resolutions</h2> <p>How does the obstacle get overcome? If it doesn't get resolved, why not?</p>
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Your Obstacle	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Response to Literature: *Theme*

What do you think is the biggest lesson that can be learned from this story?  
Write the lesson below. Write a paragraph explaining the lesson, and explaining why that lesson can be learned from the story. Then, illustrate your writing.



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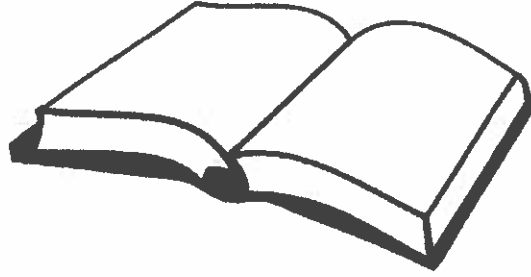
# Summer Assignment for

*Island of the  
Blue Dolphins*

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# STORY CHAIN OF EVENTS



## “Island of the Blue Dolphins” Novel by Scott O'Dell

(Put the major events of this story in order below)



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Identify the 5 elements of the story

**CHARACTERS:**

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**SETTING(S):**

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**PLOT:**

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**CONFLICT: (problem)**

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**RESOLUTION: (solution)**

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**WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THE STORY? WHY?**

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