



HILL TOP
Preparatory School

Summer 2020

Dear 5th and 6th Grade Parents,

This summer, the students heading into the 5th and 6th grades will be assigned *Replay* by Sharon Creech.

On the next page of this document, you will find the reading guide that should be given to your child. It gives a very brief description of the book and provides instructions on the writing assignment that corresponds to the book. Basically, we are asking that each student answer all the questions from the reading guide. Each question's response should be a paragraph long. The answers are due on September 15th.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at mcohen@hilltopprep.org.

Sincerely,

Mike Cohen
Middle School Division Head

Replay by Sharon Creech

Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech's inspired novel tells the story of a boy who fantasizes about who he is in order to discover who he will become.

With the backdrop of a large family and a theater as its frame, this is a story about twelve-year-old Leo, who has a talent for transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary. That's why he's called "fog boy." He's always dreaming, always replaying things in his brain. As an actor in the school play, he is poised and ready for the curtain to open. But in the play that is his life, he is eager to discover what part will be his. With the universal theme of finding one's true identity, and set amid a loud, noisy, memorable family, Leo's story is one that all kids will relate.

From www.amazon.com

Student Assignment

Write a paragraph (with a topic sentence) for each of the three questions asked from this book.

1. Using five examples from the book, explain how Leo gains confidence from those around him.
2. What emotions did this book bring about? Give three emotions, using at least three examples from the book.
3. When Leo's grandmother finally tells him about Rosaria, Leo learns more about who his father was when he was younger. What did Leo learn about Papa and the family he grew up in? How did his new knowledge give him a better understanding of the life his father chose to live?