

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School

Summer Book Report for Students Entering the 5th Grade

School Year 2026-2027

Dear Students and Families,

I hope you are enjoying the start of your summer break. As part of our summer reading program, all incoming 5th grade students will read The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate. This award-winning novel tells the heartwarming and powerful story of Ivan, a gorilla who lives in a mall and learns the meaning of friendship, freedom, and hope. It's a story that will stay with you long after the last page.

To help you connect with the story and prepare for some exciting activities when we return to school, please complete the attached pages. These pages include fun and thoughtful activities such as character reflections, favorite parts, vocabulary practice, and drawing prompts. Make sure to take your time and do your best work!

Here's what you need to do:

- Read The One and Only Ivan during your summer break.
- Completed the attached pages thoughtfully and neatly.
- Bring your completed pages with you on the first week of school in August.

We'll be using this book for class discussions and projects, so it's important that you've read the book and finished the packet. If you'd like, you may also listen to the audiobook while following along in the text.

In addition, students should also continue using I-Ready and pass 2 lessons in both Reading and Math each week to help maintain their academic skills throughout the summer. Access to I-ready will be available until July 30th.

Enjoy your summer adventure with Ivan, Stella, Ruby, and Bob. I can't wait to hear what you think!

Happy Reading,

Your 5th Grade Teacher

About the Author

Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions.

Meet Katherine Applegate Author of "*The One and Only Ivan*"

When Katherine Applegate was a little girl, she loved reading books and making up stories. She knew that she wanted to be a writer when she grew up. She worked hard and read many books to learn how to write great stories. She wrote all sorts of books for kids, from funny stories to thrilling adventures.

One day, Katherine heard about a real gorilla named Ivan who lived in a shopping mall. Ivan's story touched her heart, and she decided to write a special book about him. That's how *The One and Only Ivan* came to be! Katherine's story about Ivan may be made up, but Ivan the gorilla was real.

Katherine's book *The One and Only Ivan* became a big hit. It won a Newbery Medal, which is an important award for children's books. People all over the world loved her story, and it even became a movie!

1. When did Katherine Applegate decide to become an author?
 - A. She decided to become an author when she heard a story about Ivan, a gorilla who lived in a shopping mall.
 - B. She decided to become an author after she won a Newbery Medal.
 - C. She always knew she wanted to be an author. She loved reading and making up stories when she was just a kid.
2. What is a Newbery Medal?
 - A. an important award for children's books
 - B. a prize Katherine Applegate won as a child
 - C. a type of trophy given out to illustrators
3. What inspired Katherine Applegate to write *The One and Only Ivan*?

Pre-Reading:

Building Background Knowledge

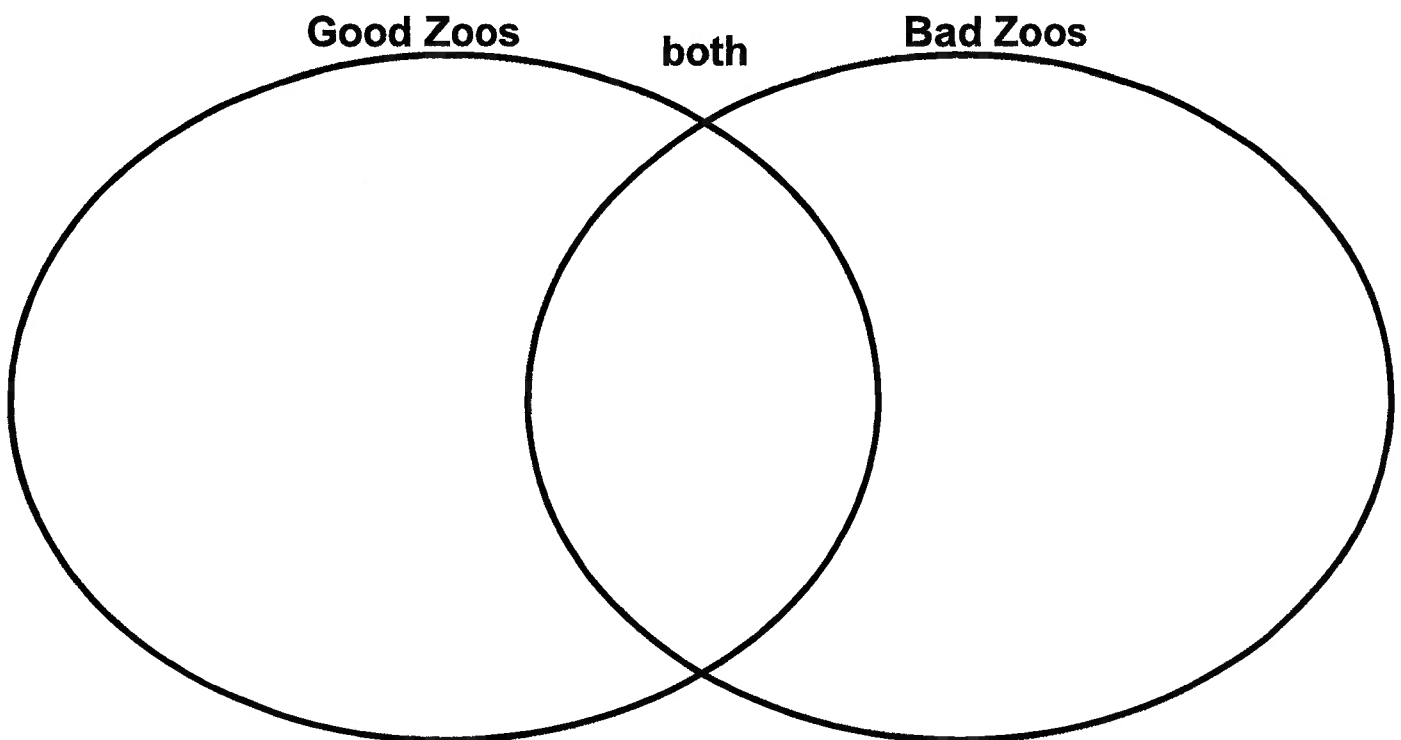
Directions: Read the article about good zoos and bad zoos. Complete the Venn diagram comparing and contrasting the two types of zoos.

Good Zoos vs. Bad Zoos: A Big Difference!

Good zoos and bad zoos are very different when it comes to how they take care of animals.

Good Zoos: Good zoos make the animals' homes as close to their natural habitat as possible. They give animals lots of space to move around and make sure the area has what the animal has in the wild. For example, a monkey exhibit would have lots of trees. These zoos make sure animals have clean water to drink, yummy and healthy food to eat, and veterinarians to keep them healthy.

Bad Zoos: Now, bad zoos are not so great for animals. They put animals in tiny, cramped spaces, which are like being stuck in a small room all the time. They also give animals cheaper food that's might not be very tasty or healthy. And guess what? Bad zoos don't usually have veterinarians to help sick animals. This can cause animals to die from untreated illnesses and injuries.



Reading Comprehension

Directions: Use your knowledge of the this section to answer the questions.

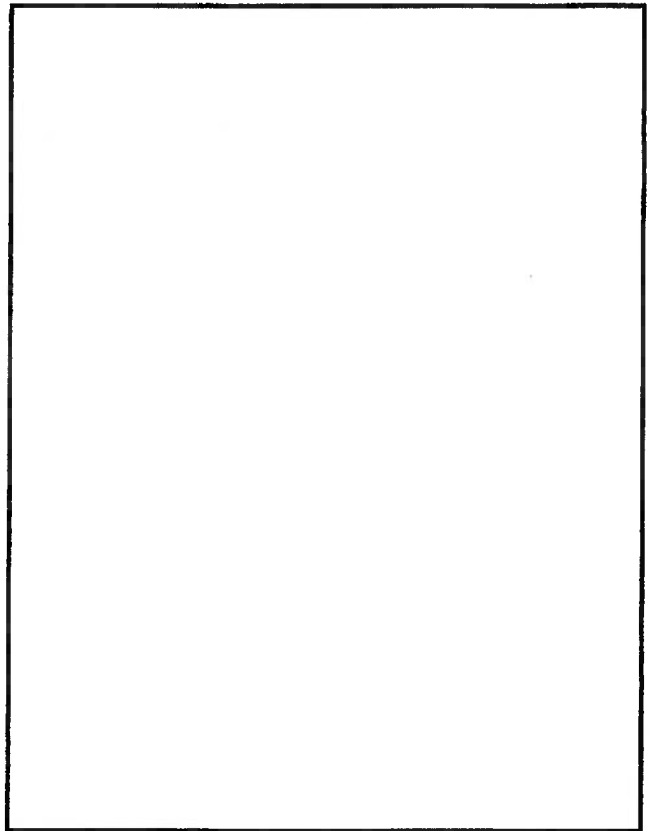
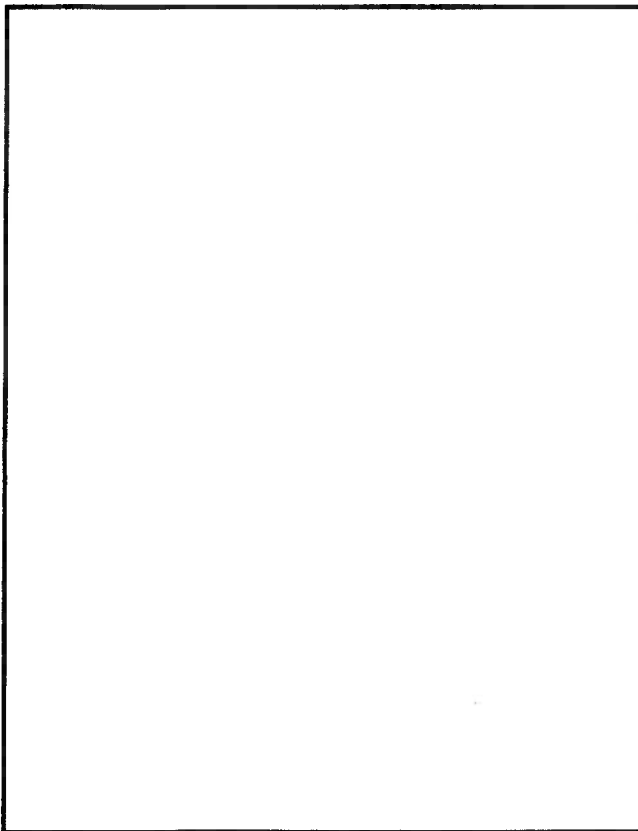
1. Where does Ivan live?
 - A. the jungle
 - B. in Mack's house
 - C. Big Top Mall
 - D. Africa
2. What items are in Ivan's domain? Circle all that apply.
 - A. a tire swing
 - B. a dirty pool
 - C. a TV
 - D. a real tree
3. Who is Bob?
 - A. Bob is the owner of the Big Top Mall.
 - B. Bob is one of Ivan's old caretakers.
 - C. Bob is an elephant who also lives at the mall.
 - D. Bob is a stray dog who sneaks into the mall.
4. What did Ivan see on the nature channel that surprised him?
 - A. He saw lots of yellow bananas.
 - B. He saw another gorilla. He thought he was the last one.
 - C. He saw horses and cowboys.
 - D. He saw a white animal called a polar bear.
5. What is wrong with Stella?
 - A. Her leg is hurt, so she is limping.
 - B. She has a cut on her trunk.
 - C. She is sad because her cage is too small.
 - D. There isn't enough food in her cage.
6. Why does Ivan say it is nice to have another artist around?

Artists: Ivan & Julia

Directions: Julia and Ivan are both artists, but they're different types of artists. Complete each statement with the name "Ivan" or "Julia" to make it true.

1. _____ creates artwork that looks like "pieces of a dream".
2. _____ only draws pictures of what is around.
3. _____ sometimes eats the crayons instead of drawing.
4. _____ draws pictures of things that don't exist.
5. _____ has artwork sold in the giftshop.

Directions: In one box, draw an example of what Ivan's art might look like. In the other box, draw an example of what Julia's art might look like.



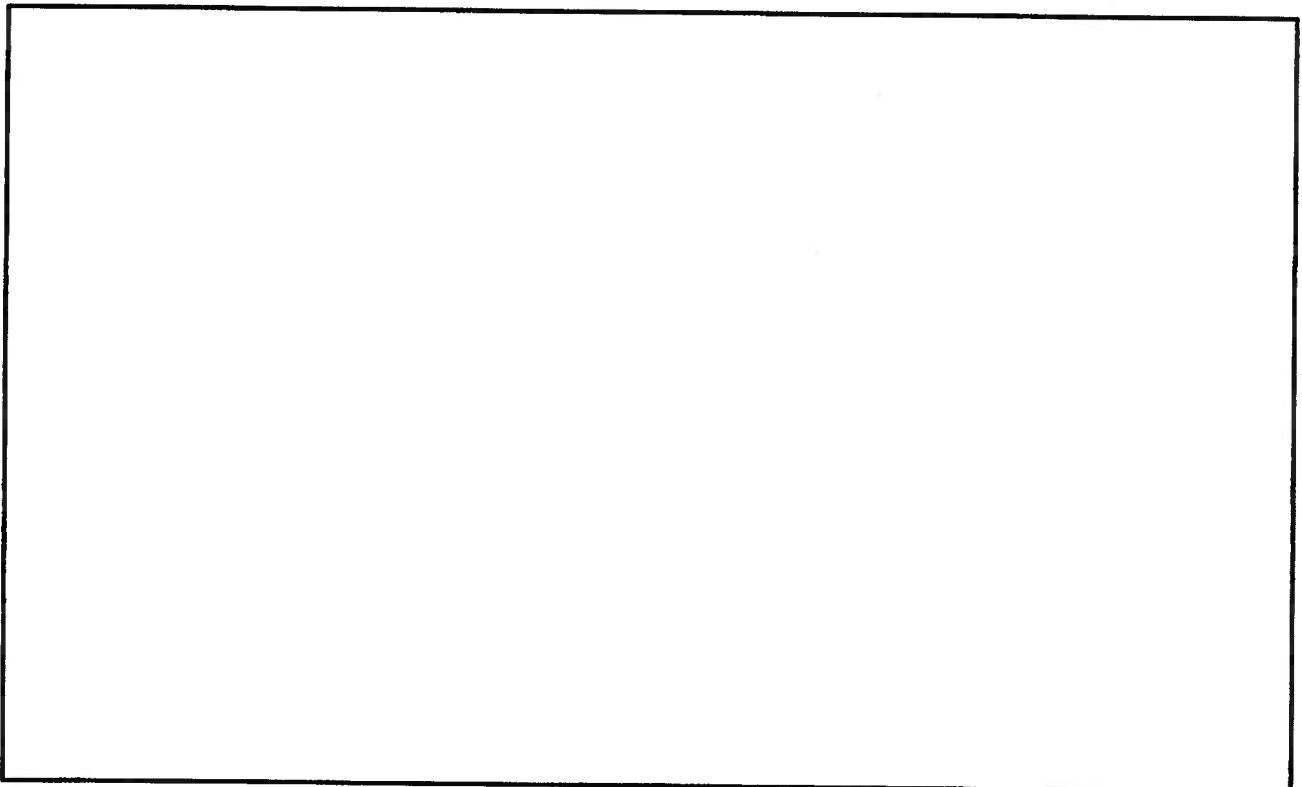
Story Elements:

Setting

Directions: Describe the setting of the story.

Directions: Describe Ivan's domain.

Directions: Draw a picture showing the setting of the story.



Art Integration: Picasso

Directions: In the book, Mack calls Ivan “Picasso”. Read the article to learn more about Pablo Picasso and answer the question below.

Pablo Picasso

Who Was Pablo Picasso?

Pablo Picasso was a famous artist who lived a long time ago, from 1881 to 1973. He was born in Spain, but he traveled all over the world and made beautiful art that people still love today.



Picasso's Special Art

Picasso's art was not like regular paintings you might see. He loved to use lots of different colors and shapes to create amazing pictures. Sometimes, he painted people and animals, but they looked very different from what you might expect. He liked to change the way things looked, making them look silly and fun!



Why Picasso is Important

Pablo Picasso is important because he showed us that art can be all sorts of things. It can be fun, colorful, and different! He taught us that we can use our imaginations and be creative with our art, just like he did.

Based on the information in the article, why do you think Mack calls Ivan “Picasso”?

Reading Comprehension

Directions: Use your knowledge of the this section to answer the questions.

1. How does Stella know Ruby is coming before anyone else?
 - A. Stella can here Ruby crying for her mother.
 - B. Stella overhears Mack and George talking about a baby elephant.
 - C. Stella makes a lucky guess.
 - D. Stella knows because she worked with Ruby at the circus.
2. Why is Ivan upset after Ruby arrives?
 - A. He feels forgotten and ignored.
 - B. He is hungry, and Mack forgot to feed him.
 - C. He wants to spend time with Ruby, but Stella won't let him.
 - D. He is sad because Mack got angry.
3. What happens when Ruby and Ivan talk?
 - A. Stella gets jealous of all the time Ruby and Ivan talk.
 - B. Ruby asks Ivan lots and lots of questions.
 - C. Ivan decides that he doesn't like Ruby and stops talking to her.
 - D. Bob starts sleeping in Stella and Ruby's domain.
4. What do Mack and George put on the billboard?
 - A. one of Ivan's drawings
 - B. a picture of a baby elephant
 - C. a picture of a baby alligator
 - D. a new picture of Ivan looking angry
5. What promise does Ivan make to Stella?
 - A. He promises to get Mack to call a vet.
 - B. He promises to never forget her when she's gone.
 - C. He promises to take care of Ruby.
 - D. He promises to do the shows for her.
6. Do you think Stella's death could have been prevented? Explain.

Reading Comprehension

Directions: Use your knowledge of the this section to answer the questions.

1. What was Ivan's name in the wild?
 - A. Tag
 - B. Vine
 - C. Mud
 - D. Silverback
2. Where did Ivan go after he was taken from the jungle?
 - A. He lived in Mack's house.
 - B. He moved the the Big Top Mall.
 - C. He was a TV star.
 - D. He lived in a zoo.
3. What happens when Mack swings the claw stick at Ruby?
 - A. Mack hits Ruby, and she is hurt.
 - B. Ruby trumpets and hits Mack with her trunk.
 - C. Ruby realizes she needs to listen.
 - D. Ruby starts to do her tricks and let's Snickers jump on her back.
4. What does Julia give Ivan?
 - A. bananas
 - B. finger paints
 - C. coloring pencils
 - D. a new toy
5. What happened to Ivan's parents?
 - A. They were left in the jungle after Ivan and his sister were taken.
 - B. They were taken and sent to a zoo.
 - C. They live in a different mall.
 - D. Humans killed them and chopped off their hands, feet, and heads.
6. When Ruby says "domain", Ivan corrects her and calls it a cage. The whole book Ivan has called his home a "domain". Why do you think he changed?

Reading Comprehension

Directions: Use your knowledge of the this section to answer the questions.

1. What happens to Ivan's first painting for Ruby?
 - A. Julia doesn't understand it, so Ivan starts over.
 - B. It gets ruined from being under Ivan's pool.
 - C. Ivan decides he doesn't like it, so he eats it.
 - D. Mack finds it under the pool and sells it in the gift shop.
2. What word does Ivan write on his painting?
 - A. Ruby
 - B. zoo
 - C. home
 - D. art
3. Why does Ivan get angry and chest beat?
 - A. He finally has someone to protect.
 - B. He is mad that Bob ate his food.
 - C. Julia insults his artwork.
 - D. Mack swung the claw stick at Ruby.
4. What do George and Julia do with Ivan's painting?
 - A. They put it on the billboard.
 - B. They leave it on Mack's desk.
 - C. They sell it to the zoo.
 - D. They leave it in a mess on the floor.
5. What is the first thing to happen after the Big Top Mall is featured on the news?
 - A. People come to interview and take pictures.
 - B. Protesters with signs want Ruby to be free.
 - C. Ruby has even more visitors during her show.
 - D. Ivan's paintings start selling for more money.
6. Ruby calls the Big Top Mall her home. Ivan tells her it is her prison. Why do you think Ivan says that?

Reading Comprehension

Directions: Use your knowledge of the this section to answer the questions.

1. What happens to Not-Tag?
 - A. Ivan takes Not-Tag with him into the box.
 - B. Julia keeps Not-Tag as a reminder of her animal friends.
 - C. Ivan gives Not-Tag to Bob to help him sleep.
 - D. Mack throws it away while he is cleaning out the cages.
2. What does Maya let Ivan watch on TV?
 - A. She shows him watch one of his favorite Western movies.
 - B. She shows him the gorilla family that he is going to be part of.
 - C. She shows him a romance movie.
 - D. She lets Ivan change the channels with his own remote.
3. What happens with Ivan joins the gorilla family for the first time?
 - A. Kinyani chases him and throws a stick at him.
 - B. Ivan becomes friends with the juvenile male.
 - C. Ivan grunts and chest beats to show that he is a silverback.
 - D. Kinyani welcomes him to the family with a big hug.
4. Why does Maya get Ivan to come back into the glass cage?
 - A. To feed him marshmallows and yogurt covered raisins.
 - B. To teach him how to build a nest, since he can't.
 - C. To take him to visit Ruby and the other elephants.
 - D. To show him Ruby on the TV and Ivan can see she's happy.
5. What does Ivan do with the wall he finds in his enclosure?
 - A. He tries to climb it.
 - B. He paints it with mud.
 - C. He pounds on it and tries to knock it down.
 - D. He takes a nap next to it because it gives him shade.
6. Bob said he would never live with humans, but he decides to let Julia and George adopt him. Why do you think he changed his mind?

Book Report

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

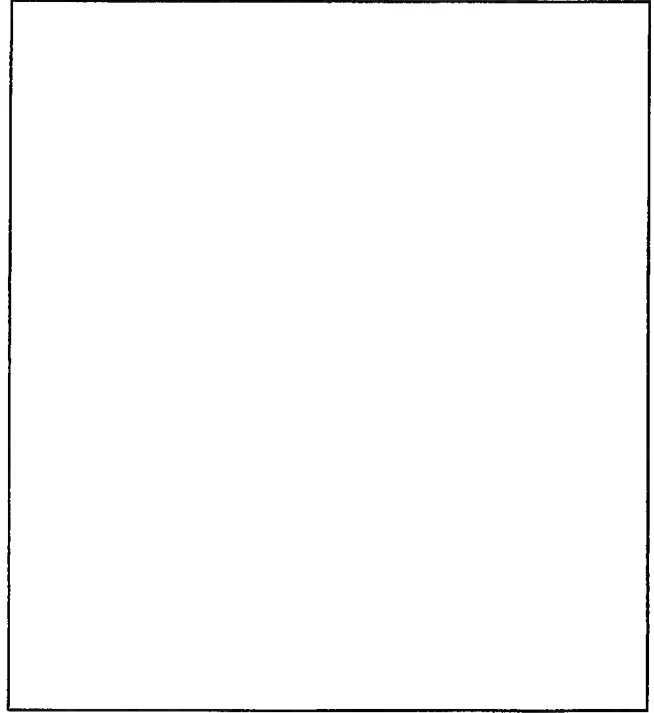
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Favorite Part: Describe your favorite part of the book. Tell why this is your favorite part. Draw a picture of your favorite part in the space below.



Rating: Rate this book out of 5.
5 stars is the best. 1 star is the worst.



Recommendation: Would you recommend this book to other readers? Why or why not? Who would you recommend this book to? Who would you not recommend this book to?
