

Rising 4th Grade Summer Reading Required

Cathedral Academy is continually trying to raise the academic level of our students. One way to do this is to keep their minds engaged over the summer. Each rising 4th grader is required to complete this summer reading assignment. The completed assignment will be graded as a Reading test and will be included in quarter one. Students are to read the following book and complete the questions below in complete sentences. Students are responsible for using the public library, purchasing their own book, or borrowing a book from a classmate. We do *not* have copies of the books at the school.

- The assignment is due on **Friday, August 11, 2017**.

Read the following book:

- The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Interest Level: Grades 3 – 5

Grade Equivalent: 3.3

Lexile® Measure: 570L

Guided Reading Level: S

DRA: 40

Description: 2013 Newbery Medal Winner

Ivan is an easygoing gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. He rarely misses his life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly ever thinks about it at all. Instead, Ivan thinks about TV shows he's seen and about his friends Stella, an elderly elephant, and Bob, a stray dog. But mostly Ivan thinks about art and how to capture the taste of a mango or the sound of leaves with color and a well-placed line.

Then he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from her family, and she makes Ivan see their home, and his own art, through new eyes. When Ruby arrives, change comes with her, and it's up to Ivan to make it a change for the better. Inspired by a true story, this is the beautifully written tale of how a mighty gorilla wins his freedom. Katherine Applegate blends humor and poignancy to create Ivan's unforgettable first-person narration in a story of friendship, art, and hope.

Blessings,

Mrs. Gina Goodwin, 4th Grade Teacher
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Assignment:

1. Answer the following questions:

***Remember to use correct punctuation and capitalization. Your response should be well thought out with clear ideas and details. ***

Name _____ Date _____

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

of pages _____

Main Characters _____

Setting _____

Introduction - How does the book begin?

Describe Ivan's early life.

What happened to Stella?

Describe Ruby.

What promise had Ivan made to Stella? How did he carry out that promise?

Why was art important to the story?

How did Julia and George help the animals?

What was it like for Ivan to move to the zoo?

How did the story end?

What was your favorite part of the story?

Would you recommend the story to a friend? Why or why not?
