



Hello All Incoming Fifth Graders!

This summer I would like you to read a book called The War with Grandpa by author Robert Kimmell Smith. I hope you will enjoy it! The boy in the story is your age.

About the Novel:

The War with Grandpa is a story about a young boy and his grandfather at odds. 10-year-old Peter Stokes loves his grandfather and is excited to learn that he will be coming to live with the family. That is, until he learns that grandpa will be taking over his bedroom. Peter's two best friends encourage Peter to stand his ground and do something about this injustice. Peter soon declares war on his grandfather, who proves to be an even match. The two attack and counterattack each other until escalations lead to one finally surrendering.

You can purchase a “real” paper book or download a PDF version, whichever works best for you and your parents.

Attached are a few worksheets for you to complete. Nothing you can't handle as an incoming 5th grader! One page is true or false, one page is yes or no, and one page is multiple choice.

Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you in September!

Mrs. Walsh



THE WAR WITH GRANDPA

By Robert Kimmel Smith

1 Peter Stoke's True and Real Story

2 The Beginning

3 A Room Without Gloom

Pages 1-10

Write either **True** or **False** in the blank before each statement. Please write the entire word.

- _____ 1. It was Peter's mother who suggested he write a story about something important that happened to him.
- _____ 2. Peter intended to tell his story in a way that was true and real.
- _____ 3. Peter wrote the story about his war with Grandpa in ink in a large notebook.
- _____ 4. Peter was in the fifth grade.
- _____ 5. Peter's little sister, Jennifer, wanted him to put Pac-Man, Wonder Woman, horses, or a magic fairy in his story about Grandpa.
- _____ 6. Jennifer found out about their parents' plans for Grandpa before Peter knew about it.
- _____ 7. Peter intended to put a bunch of teeny-tiny chapters in his book because he didn't like to write for more than twenty minutes.
- _____ 8. What Jennifer liked best was secrets, and she was really good at keeping them.
- _____ 9. The chair in Peter's room was broken because Jennifer rocked too hard in it.
- _____ 10. Grandpa Jack lived in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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4 The Deadly Dinner

5 Sad and Blue As the Sky

6 I Promise

Pages 11-21

Write either **Yes** or **No** in the blank before each question. Please write the entire word.

_____ 1. Was Peter proud of the way he acted at dinner?

_____ 2. Did Peter go running to his mother as soon as he heard the news about Grandpa?

_____ 3. Was Peter's dad an accountant and very busy during tax time?

_____ 4. Did Grandpa Jack decide to wait and see how things worked out with Peter's family before he sold his house in Florida?

_____ 5. When Mom talked about Grandpa coming to live with them, did she have a happy expression on her face?

_____ 6. Did Grandpa always send candy to Jennifer on her birthday?

_____ 7. Did Dad expect the children to treat Grandpa like a member of the family?

_____ 8. Was it Grandpa's bad leg that would make it difficult for him to walk up the two flights of stairs to the guest room?

_____ 9. Did Peter react calmly when Dad said Grandpa would be taking his room?

_____ 10. Was there a full bathroom on the top floor of the house?

_____ 11. Did Jennifer get to keep her room because she needed looking after more than Peter?

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7 Bits and Pieces

8 Night Fright

9 Grandpa Jack

Pages 22-34

Write the letter of the correct answer in the blank before each question.

- _____ 1. Peter wanted to write
(A) in short sentences
(B) long sentences with bigger words
(C) a good story, even if it wasn't the exact truth
- _____ 2. How many baseball cards did Peter have?
(A) five hundred
(B) almost two thousand
(C) three hundred
- _____ 3. Why did Peter have six trophies?
(A) He was the best player on the team.
(B) Every kid who was on the team or in the tournament got one.
(C) They were gifts from Grandpa Jack.
- _____ 4. Once most of his things had been moved upstairs, Peter felt that
(A) he lived in a tree house
(B) he was no longer part of the family
(C) the room wasn't his and he didn't belong there
- _____ 5. From the window of the upstairs room,
(A) Peter could see only the tops of buildings
(B) the trees looked so close he felt he could almost touch them
(C) Peter had a view of the entire neighborhood
- _____ 6. Dad asked Peter not to
(A) let Grandpa know how he felt about giving up his room
(B) cry
(C) be rude to Grandpa
- _____ 7. Peter's new bathroom was
(A) larger than the one he and Jennifer shared
(B) dinky and dim
(C) painted a golden yellow
- _____ 8. The stairs to the top floor were
(A) carpeted (B) well lit (C) bare and creaky