

Fifth Grade Guided Reading Questions:

As you read, be prepared to answer the following questions. We will use them to begin our discussion of the novel when the school year begins.

***The Janitor's Boy* – Andrew Clements**

1. Can you relate to Jack's embarrassment? Would you have handled it the same way? Think of a time you have been embarrassed by a friend or family member. How did you react?
2. What could Jack have done to solve his problem rather than stick them gum on the desk?
3. How do you think Jack's behavior made his father feel?
4. What lessons does Jack learn at the end of the book? What lessons should we learn after reading the book?
5. Can you think of another book you have read that is similar to this story? How are they the same?
6. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not.

***The Wish Giver* – Bill Brittain**

1. How do the wishes backfire for Polly, Rowena, and Adam?
2. What do Polly, Rowena, and Adam learn from his or her wish?
3. Why is Stew Meat a necessary character in the book?
4. How would you describe Thaddeus Blinn?
5. What do you think is the genre of this book? How can you tell?