5th Grade Reflections:

Thoughts, ideas and reflections of a soon to be middle schooler

*This book belongs to:*_____

Criteria for Student Reflections

1. Write the date on the date line.
2. Use your best handwriting. You may use a pencil or pen.
3. Restate the question in your entry. Ex: What is your favorite sport? *My favorite sport is…*
4. No "overwriting!" Make a mistake? Erase thoroughly and go again.
5. Write a minimum of FIVE COMPLETE sentences. You may write more if you wish.
6. If you need more room to write, use the back of the page.
7. Use capitals and punctuation.
8. Do your best with spelling.
9. Optional: Add graphics and illustrations to beautify your work. Add color if you would like.
10. Double check your work before submitting it.

Date_____

Welcome to a brand new school year! Help your teacher get to know you. Introduce yourself and describe 5 facts about you (character traits, hobbies and interests.) Then, draw a picture below, of something you did this summer vacation.

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Date_____

What is your favorite subject at school? What makes it your favorite? What subject at school do you not enjoy and why? Use at least two supporting details for each subject that explain your reasons.

Date_____

Create an unusual list of school supplies. For each item, tell why you would include it.

Date_____

It's your turn to cook a meal for your family. You have a creative menu in mind and this is your chance to show off your skills. Write about the menu and your family's response to it.

Date_____

Write about the clearest first memory of your life. Tell your approximate age and where you are. Describe the sights, sounds, and feelings that come with this memory.

Date_____

Write about a time when you were really frightened, or something that you used to feel fearful of. Why did this frighten you?

Date_____

Are you a morning person, or a night owl? Maybe you are something in between? Write about why you like this part of the day, and what you do. You may want to use this prompt:
My favorite part of the day is….

Date_____

What is the best thing about reading? Name two of your favorite books. Tell why you liked each one. Then draw a picture of the cover of one book and include the author's name.

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Date_____

Draw a simple map of your neighborhood or street. Then write a story that goes with a memory of something that occured on that map. Mark the spot on the map with an *X.*

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Date_____

Does your family celebrate any special traditions? What do you do on this special day? Write about one of your favorite traditions, and describe it using sensory details.

Date_____

Describe a time when you felt proud of yourself. Use details about the setting (where and when) and what was happening when you felt this way.

Date_____

You were born with a unique ability. You can choose one superpower that allows you to do whatever you think is the most important thing to change your life or others. What is it and what would you do with it?

Date_____

Doodle Page..... What's your favorite thing to draw? What doodles have you mastered? Draw 3 different doodles and write a caption below them.

Date_____

Write about a time when you hurt yourself, or when you were with someone who was badly hurt. Describe what happened and how you felt. Remember to include details about who, what, when, where and how.

Date_____

What qualities do you find most important in a friend? Why? Tell about a friend who has some of these qualities, and give an example of what this might look like when you are together.

Date_____

Winter is upon us. What are some of your favorite things about the season? Write a paragraph that describes a few of your winter favorites in detail, OR tell about your winter break plans.

Date_____

Happy New Year! Every year in January people decide to make some changes in their lives. These are called *New Year's Resolutions*. Instead of making changes, write about three things you will definitely NOT CHANGE! Be sure to tell why you will keep these things the same.

Date_____

Think of a time when you made a decision that you later regretted. Was it something that had a big impact on you or someone else? What did you learn from this experience?

Date_____

We all have different feelings throughout the day. Draw an emoji of the many sides of you… In each section, name an emotion and draw a sketch of your face when you are feeling that way.

Date_____

What is a special family recipe that your family loves to eat? Are you all about grilled cheese, or are you more of a dessert family? Write down the recipe and the directions to prepare your family's favorite creation.

Date_____

Think of a time when you told a lie. It could be a small fib, or a big lie. What might have happened if you told the truth? Do you feel guilty about it now, or do you still stand by your decision?

Date_____

Is there a sound that you think is annoying? What sound(s) drive you crazy. Write about a few and tell why you think they are so annoying. Now write about a sound or habit that you do, which other people find annoying.

Date_____

Rainy days can be fun! Describe your perfect rainy day. What would you do? Who would be with you? What would you eat? What would you wear?

Date_____

Time flies! We are nearly halfway through the year!

What is something at school you feel proud about?

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What has been the most challenging part of the year so far?

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What is one thing that surprised you this year?

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What goal do you have for yourself before the year ends?

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Date_____

What would school look like if you designed it from scratch? What kinds of rooms might there be? What classes would be offered? What is a rule for this school? What would the teachers be like?

Date_____

Make up a new identity, or an alias for yourself. What is your new name? Where do you live? How do you dress now? What types of things do you enjoy doing?

Date_____

If you were a junk food, what would you be and why? Who would your junk food friends be? What would you do to defend yourself from being eaten by a hungry human?

Date_____

What is the most valuable ($$) thing you own? Why do you have it and where did it come from?

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What is the least valuable thing you own but still cherish? (Meaning other people may think it is junk, but it's not.)

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Date_____

Imagine you've invented a time machine! What year do you travel to? Describe what would happen in a day at this time.

Date_____

Do your parents tell you funny stories about yourself? Think of a story you have heard them tell you, ask them to tell you a *new* funny story, or tell a funny story that you remember happening to you.

Date_____

You are being lazy and you are enjoying it. As you are lying in a hammock under a shady tree, a bird drops a rolled up piece of paper in your lap containing 20 words. What is the message? Write the story of *The Day of the Bird Dropping.*

Date_____

Who is your favorite person on the planet other than someone in your family? What do you like most about that person? Name at least three things you admire about this person and give examples.

Date_____

The end of the year is upon us. Now is the time to reflect upon your elementary school days. Choose 2-3 memories (teachers, friends, events, etc.) that are important to you and share them here.

Date_____

You did it! You are going to be a middle school student very soon! What are you looking forward to? What will you miss about Glencoe?