

**Bethpage
Summer Reading**

Discussion Activities
 Arrange the days to fit
 your calendar this summer.



**The Kid in the
Red Jacket**
 by
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Would you like to move to another state?	Why was Howard upset about moving to Massachusetts?	Why was Molly getting on Howard's nerves?	If you moved into a new house, what would you want your bedroom to look like?	Discuss- "Howard has an overactive imagination"	
	Explain- "Cat got your tongue"	Why do you think this book is called "The Kid in the Red Jacket?"	Discuss- You've got to take the bull by its horns"	How did Howard finally make some friends?	Explain "Birds on a feather flock together"	
	As a fifth grader, would you mind playing with a first grader?	Name three words that would describe Molly.	How did Howard's feeling toward his friendship with Molly change in the book?	What do you think Howard's friends from Arizona would say if they visited his new house?	How is the weather in Arizona different than the in Massachusetts?	
	Would you rather move to a warmer state or a colder state?	What do you think Thornsberry will say when he writes back to Howard?	Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why?	If you were to design a new book cover for this book, what would it look like?	Give a brief summary of the events that happened in the book.	