



Sixth Grade Summer Reading - 2020

Dear Incoming 6th Graders, Parents and/or Guardians,

Congratulations on your completion of elementary school! In preparation for the beginning of your middle school journey, you are required to read **ONE** book this summer from the list below. Of course, you are encouraged and welcome to read more than one. Your first Communication Arts assignment will be based on the book you select. Your choices are:

- *Better Nate Than Ever* by Tim Federle
- *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Crash* by Jerry Spinelli
- *It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood (Adapted for Young Readers)* by Trevor Noah
- *Jacob's Rescue* by Malka Druker & Michael Halperin
- *Maniac McGee* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Song for a Whale* by Lynee Kelly
- *The Bridge Home* by Padma Venkatraman
- *The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA* by Brenda Woods
- *The Young Landlords* by Walter Dean Myers

It is critical that you complete a thorough and careful reading of your chosen book. In addition to the reading, you are also required to complete the assignments listed on the attached page for **Part A** and **Part B**. This assignment will be counted as your first QUIZ grade. Please review the rubric.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to meeting all of you in the fall

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. Gray

Ms. C. Best

Summer Reading Assignment-6th Grade

Directions: Please complete the activities listed for Part A and Part B. Carefully review the instructions for each assignment. Responses can be either typed or handwritten.

Part A: In September, we will be discussing the challenges and triumphs of growing up. In preparation for Unit 1, please answer the essential question that is based on the main character of the book that you have chosen to read. **Response MUST be at least 2 paragraphs.**

Essential Question: Children face challenges everyday, but learning how to deal with them is apart of growing up. What challenges did your characters face and HOW did he/she deal with them? Make sure to cite evidence from the text to support your response.

Part B: Choose **ONE** of the following activities to complete.

- **Compare and Contrast:** Compare and contrast *your* life to any character in the book. **Response MUST be at least TWO paragraphs.** Write one paragraph explaining the similarities you have with the character and another paragraph explaining your differences. Make sure to cite evidence from the text to support your response.
- **Picture It:** Create a picture book for the text read. Include at least FIVE pictures replicating different scenes from your book that you believe help summarize the important sections. Write at least two sentences per picture explaining the image shown. Any and all artistic mediums can be used (i.e. photographs, sketches, collages, comic book strips, etc.)
- **Ask the Author:** Write a ONE-page letter to the author, discussing your thoughts, reactions, and questions about the text.
- **Point of View:** Create a story “adaptation” piece from the point of view of the main character. Write an alternate (different) ending to the story from the character’s point of view. **Response MUST be at least TWO paragraphs.**

Summer Reading Assignment Rubric

Part A:

Content/Topic	Student provided a detailed response to essential question.	____/5 points
Sentence Structure/Format	Response is at least 2 paragraphs or more. Student uses complete sentences. Sentences flow and make sense for the task.	____/6 points
Textual Evidence	Student provides relevant evidence from text.	____/3 points
Spelling	It is evident that student edited work before handing it in. No spelling errors are present.	____/3 points
Punctuation	Student punctuated correctly with commas, quotation marks, and the correct ending punctuation at the end of every sentence.	_____/3 points

Part B:

Follows Directions	All the requirements for the project are fulfilled. All components are included.	____/10 points
Story Connection	The project demonstrates a clear understanding of the story in connection to the chosen project.	____/5 points
Grammar/Mechanics:	The project is free of grammatical errors and is easy to follow and understand.	_____/5 points

Total Score: _____/40 points

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