

Rising 6th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

On the first day of class, the following assignments will be collected. This will count as your first Literature grade. DO NOT use a report cover to keep your papers and DO NOT staple them together.

Your assignment this summer is to read TWO books, one Nonfiction and one Fiction. Use the recommended reading list found on the following page as a jumping off point. If none of these titles interest you, see your public librarian for great ideas.

For EACH book, you will head your pages with YOUR NAME, the TITLE, the AUTHOR, and the GENRE (TYPE of literature). **Please limit your writing to NO MORE than two pages for each genre.**

NONFICTION BOOK

- *In one paragraph*, give a brief summary of the book.
- Describe, in your own words, something new that you learned.
- Did you like this book? *In one paragraph*, describe why you did or did not like this book.

FICTION BOOK

- *In one paragraph*, give a BRIEF summary of the story. Include the main characters, the action, and how the story ended.
- *In one paragraph*, describe the DETAILS of the setting(s): where and when the story takes place. Remember, the setting is not limited to cities and dates. It can be seasons, historical events (like “during the Great Depression”), or even country vs. cityscapes.
- Pick your favorite character. *In one paragraph*, describe this character’s feelings throughout the story. Go beyond the typical adjectives (happy, sad, scared). Look up ways to describe a character’s feelings or personality. Then, tell *why* the character felt the way s/he did, using specific examples from the book.
- Choose your favorite event from the book. *In one paragraph*, describe your mood when you read this passage. Was it frightening, creepy, terrifying? Exciting, moving, thrilling? Gloomy, depressing, disheartening? Happy, joyful, cheerful? Give specific examples from the book to explain your mood.
- Did you like this book? *In one paragraph*, describe why you did or why you didn’t like this book.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER AS YOU COMPLETE YOUR SUMMER READING:

- ✓ Both reports should be typed using 12-point, Times New Roman (or similar) font.
- ✓ Each report should be NO MORE than TWO pages.
- ✓ Use the correct heading for each paper.
- ✓ Double-space your paper - THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE MUST.
- ✓ REVISE AND EDIT YOUR WORK. Ask someone else (like a parent) to read it.

Rising 6th Grade Recommended Reading List

Historical Fiction

Blue Birds by Caroline Starr Rose

Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper

Mystery

Book Scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

Greenglass House by Kate Milford

Nonfiction

El Deafo by Cece Bell

Marching for Freedom: walk together, children, and don't you grow weary by Elizabeth Partridge

Realistic Fiction

A Handful of Stars by Cynthia Lord

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Fantasy

Circus Mirandus by Cassie Beasley

A Snicker of Magic by Natalie Lloyd

Adventure

Moving Target by Christina Diaz Gonzalez

The Thief Lord by Cornelia Caroline Funke

Classic

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare

The BFG by Roald Dahl

CLA Choice

Any Small Goodness: a novel of the barrio by Tony Johnston