



Incoming 6th Grade Summer Reading

Please read a **minimum of 3 books** to prepare for 6th grade Language Arts. Summer reading should be a fun, exploratory activity! Instead of giving you a detailed list of books, you are being asked to find books on your own. Try reading authors or genres you haven't read before, or catch up on your favorite authors. The only rule is that you **MUST READ BOOKS YOU HAVE NOT READ BEFORE** and the books you read must be written at your reading level.

Feel free to speak with a library representative for assistance. **While you're at the library, sign up for the summer reading program!** This is a great way to continue reading all summer and if you can prove to me that you signed up, there may be an extra credit point involved when school begins!

A librarian can help you if you LOVED reading *Maze Runner*, ask about other books that are similar and might be fun to read. If you studied something in history over the past year or so that you found interesting, see if there are nonfiction books in that subject—usually there are.

Some book choice ideas include: *Where the Red Fern Grows*, *Schooled*, *Esperanza Rising*, *Rules*, *Because of Winn Dixie*, *Number the Stars*, *Number the Stars*, *A Long Walk to Water*, *Bridge to Terabithia*, *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry*, *Souder*, *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, *Call of the Wild*, *Holes*, or *Tuck Everlasting*. Feel free to scan *HearthFire Bookstore* or the library and see what catches your eye.

Writing Assignment: One Pager

Choose one of the books you read this summer and create a One-Pager.

A One-pager is a written and graphic interpretation on a single sheet of paper of what you have just read. It may be literal or it may be a symbolic representation of the piece. Your One-pager must meet all of the guidelines below.

Guidelines:

- Use standard (8 ½ x 11) unlined paper.
- Fill the entire page.
- Written work must be in ink
- Use as much color as possible (unless black and white would be more appropriate in keeping with the theme/mood of the novel.)

Include the following:

- Sketch a visual that represents the theme of the novel. Label it the Theme
- Include a statement of one problem and how it was solved in the novel
- Sketch the setting of the story and label it Setting
- Write and illustrate 3 examples of similes or metaphors from the novel.
- Draw a picture of the main character and label it with the name and three characteristics of the main character
- Draw a personal connection you had to the novel or story

Sample One-Pagers:

