

## Junior High Summer Reading – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Dear Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students,

Yay! It's almost summer and you actually will have time to read all those fabulous novels you love. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade reading list has compelling stories, so we hope you discover plenty of new treasures, not only on the list, but at all the libraries and book stores you will visit this summer (hint, hint – libraries and book stores are great places to be!).

ALL of your summer work is due WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2016. These assignments are your first grades of the school year. Be prepared and do your best work. Please email us over the summer if you have any questions about the summer work. We look forward to working with you in the fall!

Sincerely,

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After reading your fiction novel, complete the following typed assignment: Type a one, full-page letter to a friend about your summer and the novel. Include the following information (single-spaced, 12 point, Times New Roman font) in your letter:

- Choose one main character from the novel.
- What qualities does this main character have that you admire? Does this character have any qualities you dislike? What are they and why? Support with examples from the book.
- Is this main character a good leader? Why or why not? Use specific examples from the reading to support your answer.
- Were you able to identify with this main character?
- Did you enjoy the book? Why or why not?
- Be sure to tell about what fun activities you did this summer! ☺

(It may be longer than one page, but no less than one FULL page. Please see the sample letter which follows.)

Fiction Novels (choose one):

***Jackie and Me*** by Dan Gutman

***Bridge to Terabithia*** by Katherine Paterson

***Flora and Ulysses*** by Katie DiCamillo

***Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief*** by Rick Riordan

Non-Fiction Novel:    ***Who was King Tut?*** by Roberta Edwards

Assignment:

- Write a brief summary about the famous person, 2 – 3 paragraphs long.
- Create a Coat of Arms. Be able to explain each picture in the Coat of Arms and how it relates to the famous person that you read about.

The summary and Coat of Arms will be graded. You will also be explaining your Coat of Arms to your classmates. If there are any questions, please contact Mrs. Lipari. Happy Reading!

Catholic Identity Novel:    ***Who Was Mother Teresa?*** by Jim Gigliotti

You will type a letter to a friend sharing your experience of meeting Mother Teresa. Use your book to include facts about your meeting.

#### **SAMPLE: LITERARY LETTER**

Remember you are writing *two* letters, one based on your fiction novel and one based on your book about Mother Teresa. Follow this example for both letters.

(This example of a literary letter is about the novel *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio)

July 10, 2016

Dear Anna,

I hope you are having a great summer! I am having a great summer going to Camp Invention at OLMC from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and then cooling off in the pool after camp and in the evenings. While I lounge around the pool, I read my summer reading.

I just finished reading *Wonder*, by R.J.Palacio, and I think you would really like the novel. The main character, Auggie, was so brave to go to fifth grade at his new school. He had been home schooled his whole life, because he had so many surgeries every year. At the beginning of the book, Auggie wrote, "Since I've never been to a real school before, I am pretty much totally and completely petrified," (4) I could understand what he meant. I changed schools when I was in the third grade, and I remember how afraid I was to go to a new school. I didn't have surgeries like Auggie did, and I didn't have people stare or laugh at my appearance. My problem was that I was shy, and it was hard to make new friends.

When I read about the chapter about the "Fifth Grade Nature Retreat," I thought about how nervous I was when I went to overnight camp the first time, when I was 9 years old. That

chapter made me think about Mr. Browne's September precept: "When given a choice between being right and being kind, choose kind." (311) First, Auggie was happy and relieved when he found out that the bully Julian did not go on the trip, because he was nervous about spending three days in a row with Julian. After Eddie and his friends attacked Auggie in the woods, Auggie's friends Jack, Henry and Amos showed they were kind, when they helped him find his hearing aids. The three boys showed they cared about Auggie, and proved that they were real friends that he could trust. What would you do if you were faced with the choice of standing up to bullies, or helping a friend? I would love to know your reactions after you read this book.

Thanks for reading my letter,

Jennifer