Sixth Grade Summer Reading 2023

Because it is important to continue learning year round, you will be reading at least three age-appropriate books over the summer and responding to each with a thoughtful journal reflection of at least eight sentences. You may choose either fiction or non-fiction books which appeal to you and are equally as challenging without being too difficult. For fiction books, your journal reflections should include your reaction to the book, your thoughts on the book's theme (the author's message about life), and any other thoughts on the book's plot and characters. For non-fiction books, you should write a short summary about what you learned and your reaction to this new knowledge. Journal reflections may be hand-written or typed and submitted during the first week of school. The reflections will be worth ten points each and will become your first graded assignment of the new school year. Here are some suggestions for books that you might like. Have fun!

Assignment Requirements:

- Read three books of your choice. *Books with more than 400 pages may count as two books.*
- Submit a journal entry for each book read. Entries must be eight sentences minimum turned in either handwritten or typed. Please be mindful of your spelling and grammar.

Ideas for books you might enjoy:

- *Hatchet* or any of the survival books by Gary Paulsen
- *The Bridge to Terabithia* or *The Great Gilly Hopkins* by Katherine Paterson
- *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine
- *Maniac Magee* or *Crash* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *The View from Saturday* by E.L. Konigsburg
- *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E.*
- *Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg
- Any of the *Harry Potter* books by J.K. Rowling
- Any of the *The Dark Is Rising* series by Susan Cooper
- Any of the *Chronicles of Narnia* books by C.S. Lewis
- Any of the *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series by Rick Riordan
- *The Tale of Despereaux* or anything by Kate DiCamillo
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A Note From Ms. Kopp

As you are reading these books of choice, be sure to take notes after each concluding chapter on anything you find noteworthy and memorable for you. Manage your time this summer where you have a quiet and safe space to dedicate at least 20 minutes of undisturbed reading at a time. I encourage you to read a physical book or ebook along-side an audiobook version if available. You may read these novels all at once and work on your journal reflections most of summer. Or slowly, one chapter a day, complete the reading and then begin writing. I do not advise you to wait until the last minute to quickly read and write. Dedicate time and energy to read and write; devote yourself to this assignment to carefully pour into books and write all your thoughts, feelings, questions, predictions and connections. Use this reading and writing as your private time to be alone and to meditate. Practice being still and quiet for just moments out of your summer days—this will assist you into transitioning back into the school year this fall. Take care and I will see you soon! I very much look forward to reading your journals.