



Welcome to 6th Grade



Before you enter the sixth grade, we recommend that you purchase the following items during the summer:

6 2-pocket folders or	small box of crayons and markers (24 count or less)
multi-pocket accordion folder	box of tissues
sticky notes	sanitizing wipes/ sanitizer
several black pens	glue stick
several red pens	pencils (4 sharpened every day before class)
erasers	sharp scissors
zipper pencil case	correction tape (no wite -out in a bottle)
highlighters	
ruler (includes metric divisions)	

Please have five marble/composition copybooks, a two-subject notebook, and loose-leaf paper when you come back in September.

Each of your teachers has many exciting activities planned for you. Some highlights of the upcoming year include ancient civilizations in Social Studies, Science Fair and rockets in Science, creative writing activities and novel explorations in Language Arts, and fractions and decimals galore in Math.



The required summer reading for incoming sixth grade students will be *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli. You are required to read a second novel. The choices are *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen, *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle, and *The Egypt Game* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder. The student novel packet will be distributed in class before the end of the school year. This packet will also be available online. Please bring your novel and completed packet to school on the first day. Enjoy!

You should work on the following topics from the fifth grade Language Arts and Math sections of **IXL** for at least 40 minutes per week during the summer:

ELA: Nouns (F.1-F.2), Regular Plural nouns (G.1-G.4), Simple tense review (J.1-J.4), Personal Pronouns (P.1-P.5), Prepositions (Z.1-Z.4), Commas (EE.1-EE.5)

Math: Multiplication (C.1-C.9), Division (D.1-D.8), Add and Subtract Fractions (L.3)

We wish you and your family a fun and relaxing summer!!!

Sincerely,

The Sixth Grade Teachers

Summer Reading Assignments for Incoming Students in Grade 6:

For your summer reading assignment, you are required to read *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli and one book of your own choosing from this list: 1. *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle 2. *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen 3. *The Egypt Game* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder. You will complete an assignment for *Maniac Magee* and the book of your choosing. Please have your assignments finished for the first day of school.

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Maniac Magee will be an integral text for our class the first few weeks of school. Make sure you read the novel completely and carefully during the summer. You will be required to submit a story summary sheet and answer 2 of the six questions.

Book of your choosing

You will choose one of these three books to read, in addition to *Maniac Magee*: 1. *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle 2. *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen, 3. *The Egypt Game* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder. You need to complete one of the seven mini projects with the book of your choosing. Be prepared to present your assignment once you return to school in the Fall.

Name _____

4. Give a summary of the plot (at least 7-10 sentences).

5. What was your favorite part in the novel?

Writing Prompts

Below you will find a list of five writing prompts for the summer writing assignment. You are to choose two prompts and write a three-paragraph response for each. Your three paragraphs must include an introductory, body, and concluding paragraph.

1. Which of Maniac's relationships (with Grayson, Amanda, Mars Bar, or the McNab boys) was most fully developed? Use examples to support your answer.
2. If you were to carry a suitcase like Amanda Beale, what would you carry with you for safekeeping? Defend your answer in a three-paragraph essay.
3. Maniac Magee had a difficult time with John McNab and the Cobras. What advice would you give to Maniac to help him deal with this problem? Be sure to respond in at least three paragraphs.
4. Choose one favorite quote from the novel. Explain why you chose this quote and how it helps us understand the character. You must include the page where the quote can be found.
5. How would you begin teaching an adult to read? It is important not to embarrass a person who cannot read. What would be some of the ways you, as a younger person, could help an older person learn how to read without embarrassing him or her? Your response must include three paragraphs.

Book of Your Choosing

For the book of your own choosing (1. *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle 2. *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen 3. *The Egypt Game* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder), please select one of the following activities. Be prepared to present your project when we return to school.

<p>STORY ELEMENT CEREAL BOX: Design a cereal box that reflects all of the story elements (character, setting, problem, solution) with the novel.</p>	<p>WHERE IN THE BOOK: Draw a map to the place your character traveled. Be sure to label and explain where each of the important events took place.</p>
<p>NOVEL PLAYLIST: Produce a playlist of at least 5 musical selections that reflect any of the following and briefly explain why you chose the song and how it connects to your novel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme • Main idea • Author's purpose/perspective Character's life 	<p>INSIDE/OUT CHARACTER STUDY: Identify and discuss the external and internal attributes in a character that you have chosen. Discuss how these attributes affect the decisions that the character makes throughout the novel.</p>
<p>SCRAPBOOKING: Create a scrapbook page of a theme found within the novel. Write a brief description /explanation of the page.</p>	<p>FAKEBOOK PAGE: Create a Facebook page for the main character. Include the groups the character would join, provide three status updates, identify 5 people the character would choose as friends and justify your choices for the characters with a brief explanation.</p>
<p>AROUND THE BOOK: Design a travel brochure that reflects the setting in your novel. Be sure to include details about the setting.</p>	