

**SUMMER
READING
FOR
INCOMING
6TH GRADERS**

SEPTEMBER, 2010

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BE INSPIRED:

READ THIS SUMMER

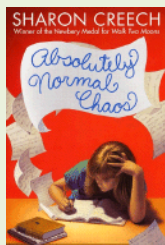
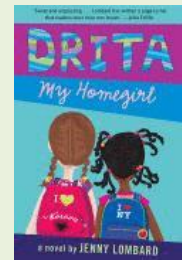


READ AT LEAST 2 BOOKS FROM THIS LIST AND COMPLETE AN ASSIGNMENT FOR EACH BOOK. YOU MUST DO A DIFFERENT ASSIGNMENT FOR EACH BOOK.

DRITA, MY HOMEGIRL

Lombard, Jenny

When ten-year-old Drita and her family, refugees from Kosovo, move to New York, Drita is teased about not speaking English well, but after a popular student named Maxine is forced to learn about Kosovo as a punishment for teasing Drita, the two girls soon bond.



ABSOLUTELY NORMAL CHAOS

Creech, Sharon

Thirteen-year-old Mary Lou grows up considerably during the summer while learning about romance, homesickness, death, and her cousin's search for his biological father.

SILENT TO THE BONE

Konigsburg, E.L.

When he is wrongly accused of injuring his baby half-sister, thirteen-year-old Branwell loses his power of speech and only his friend Connor is able to reach him and uncover the truth about what really happened.



TOUCHING SPIRIT BEAR

Mikaelsen, Ben

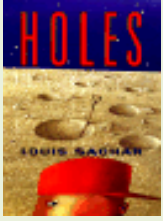
When his anger erupts into violence, Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the Native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.

HEAT

Lupica, Mike

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.





HOLES

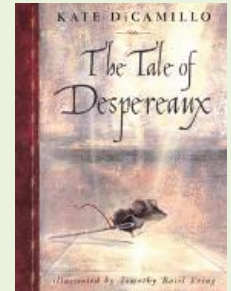
Sachar, Louis

Living under a family curse brought about by his “No-Good-Dirty-Rotten-Pig-Stealing-Great-Great-Grandfather,” Stanley Yelnats is wrongly convicted of a crime and sent to Camp Green Lake where his punishment is to dig holes. What will he dig up?

THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX

DiCamillo, Kate

Despereaux Tilling, a mouse, is in love with music, stories, and a princess named Pea. How does he use some soup and a spool of thread to win his heart’s desire?



SECRET GARDEN

Burnett, Frances Hodgson

Colin lives the life of a spoiled and incurable invalid until the arrival of an orphaned cousin. The two children secretly combine to restore his mother's locked garden and Colin to health and his father's affection.

THE UPSTAIRS ROOM

Reiss, Johanna

A Dutch Jewish girl describes the two-and-one-half years she spent in hiding in the upstairs bedroom of a farmer’s house during World War II.



HOMELESS BIRD

Whelan, Gloria

When thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it.

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS

This summer you are required to complete an assignment for each book that you read.

- **You may do each assignment only once.**
- Please follow the directions for each project.
- Each project will be graded and recorded as part of your English Language Arts mark for the first quarter.
- **Attach a cover page with your name, grade, date, and the name of the project for each assignment**
- Type and double space your assignments.
- Hand in all of your completed projects in one folder.

ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2010.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. **NEWSPAPER.** Create a newspaper for your book.
 - Summarize the plot in one article,
 - Cover the weather in another,
 - Do a feature story on one of the more interesting characters.
 - Include an editorial and a collection of ads that would relate to the story.
 - Include pictures and/or graphics.
 - (Suggestion: If you have Publisher, there is a layout for a newsletter.)
 - Be sure to give your newspaper a name.
2. **POWERPOINT PRESENTATION.** Create a power point showcasing pictures which symbolize the theme, plot, and characters of one of the books you read.
 - Slide one must include the title and author of the book.
 - Each of the other slides must include one or two sentences explaining the meaning or relationship of the pictures you use to the book you read. You are required to have at least 6 slides.
 - **Save your PowerPoint presentation to a CD. (Be sure your CD has your name on it.**

Copies of the summer reading books are available at the public libraries throughout the Monroe Public Library System. Although there are several copies of each title, our school may not be the only school requiring students to read a particular title.

It is our hope that students will read more than the required 2 books during the summer.