

Sixth Grade Summer Reading Fun!

During your summer vacation relax with a couple of books! You will be expected to read at least two books over the summer.

#1

The entire class will be reading: Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Where the Red Fern Grows is the heartwarming and adventurous tale for all ages about a young boy and his quest for his own red-bone hound hunting dogs. Set in the Ozark Mountains during the Great Depression, Billy Coleman works hard and saves his earnings for 2 years to achieve his dream of buying two coonhound pups.

For this novel, please read the book and pick one illustration and draw it as a poster. Attach to the back a paragraph to explain the drawing. (Paragraphs must contain at least five paragraphs.)

#2

For the second book, you may choose one of the novels found on the list below. For this novel you will be writing a book critique.

Both assignments are due the first week of school. Reading is an integral part of your child's education and development. I encourage you to have your child read a minimum of 30 minutes a day. This promotes reading comprehension and vocabulary development. Students may read the newspaper, magazines, short stories, and any type of book. The public library is open during the summer- books do not need to be purchased.

Happy reading!

God bless,

Ms. Sexton

Book Critique

1. What is your overall evaluation of this book?

_____ Poor _____ Fair _____ Good _____ Very Good _____ Excellent

2. Why did you choose this book?

3. How would you rate this book in the following areas?

Action _____ Poor _____ Fair _____ Good _____ Very Good _____ Excellent

Originality _____ Poor _____ Fair _____ Good _____ Very Good _____ Excellent

Interest _____ Poor _____ Fair _____ Good _____ Very Good _____ Excellent

Character Development _____ Poor _____ Fair _____ Good _____ Very Good _____ Excellent

4. Elaborate on one topic in question 3. Why do you feel this way?

5. Describe how this book could be applied to your life. Describe a part of the book you identified with.

6. Detail the strengths/weaknesses of this book.

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

Select one of the following options for your second novel.

I Survived the Nazi Invasion

Lauren Tashis

That Time I Joined the Circus

J.J. Howard

Doe Sia

Kenneth Thompson

My Secret Guided to Paris

Lisa Schroeder

The King of Mulberry Street

Donna Jo Nopal

The Lost Children

Caroline Cohagan

The Girl Who Could Fly

Victory Forrester

Nubs- The True Story of a Mutt,
a Marine, and a Miracle

Brian Dennis

I Survived the Great Chicago Fire

Lauren Tarshis

A Year Without Autumn

Liz Kessler

Lone Wolf

Katherine Lasky

The Time of Fireflies

Kimberly Griffiths Little

Red Glass

Laura Resau

Mudshark

Gaul Paulson

Indigo Notebook

Laura Resau

Middle School, Escape to Australia

James Patterson

The Sea of Monsters

Rick Riordan

School of Fear

Gitty Daneshvari

The Rise and Fall of Darth Vader

Ryder Windham

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Jeff Kinney

Who Was Harry Houdini

Tui T Sutherland

Middle School, Just My Rotten Luck

James Patterson

Old Turtle

Douglas Wood