



6th Grade
Summer Reading
2016-2017



Dear Sixth Grade Students,

For those of you who I have had the pleasure of teaching as fifth graders, I cannot wait to see how you have grown personally and academically since we last worked together, and I am so excited to have the opportunity to be your teacher again in sixth grade. For those of you who I have not had the pleasure of teaching, I am looking forward to getting to know you!

To start off a successful sixth grade year, please be sure to have completed the following summer reading requirements before we begin school on **Thursday, August 11th**. The three required readings (one mandatory, two self-selected) and one required assignment will be due the first day of school. These assignments will count as your first English grade of the school year. Late assignments will result in point deduction.

While my hope is that you are reading much more than the minimum requirement, you must read our required text, along with at least two additional books of your choice from the provided summer reading list that you have **NOT READ BEFORE**. Please be sure to log all of the books that you read this summer on the provided pages and have a parent sign off on each completed book.

Choose ONE of the assignment options on the following page for the required book, Chains, by Laurie Halse Anderson. Pick something that you will enjoy and show off your best work!

I hope that you have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Young

REQUIRED SUMMER BOOK:

Chains - Laurie Halse Anderson

6th Grade Summer Reading Assignment Options

Remember: Be sure to include your full name on all parts of the assignment. Work should be neat, thoughtful, and indicative of your understanding of the book.

Option 1: Create a piece of visual art (painting, drawing, comic strip, sculpture, etc.) that represents your book. On a separate piece of paper or large index card, write at least two paragraphs explaining specifically how your piece of art represents your book.

Option 2: Write the first chapter of a sequel to your book. Be sure that it connects to the outcome of the original story. Aim to use a similar voice/tone as the original author. (2+ pages)

Option 3: Make a live-action or stop-motion film of one of your favorite scenes from the book.

Option 4: Retell a scene from your book from the perspective of another character in the story. (2+ pages)

Option 5: Create a 5-entry (or more) diary that one of the characters in your book might have kept before, during, or after the story took place. Be sure to share the character's thoughts and feelings from a first-person perspective. (2+ pages)

Option 6: Write an original song (and, optionally, film or record yourself performing the song) that tells the story of your book or of a particular scene. (1+ pages)

Option 7: Create a dictionary containing 20 difficult words from the book. Include the definition, part of speech (as the word is used in the book), and page number where you can find the word. You can add pictures, too, if you like!

Option 8: Create a 10-question multiple choice quiz on your book. Be sure to attach an answer key.

Option 9: Create a plot timeline. Create pictures along with one or two descriptive sentences describing the main events in the story.

6th Grade Summer Reading List

Liberation of Gabriel King - K.L. Going

Forge (second in Seeds of America Trilogy after *Chains*) - Laurie Halse Anderson

Ashes (third in Seeds of America Trilogy after *Forge*) - Laurie Halse Anderson

Kira, Kira - Cynthia Kadohata

Crash - Jerry Spinelli

Chasing Vermeer - Blue Balliett

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle - Avi

The Maze Runner (any in series) - James Dashner

Treasure Island - Robert Louis Stevenson

The Cay - Theodore Taylor

A Wrinkle in Time - Madeleine L'Engle

A Year with Butch and Spike - Gail Gauthier

Out of My Mind - Sharon Draper

Summer of the Swans - Betsy Byars

The Hunger Games (any in trilogy) - Suzanne Collins

Moon Over Manifest - Clare Vanderpool

The Library Card - Jerry Spinelli

Where the Red Fern Grows - Wilson Rawls

Raymie Nightingale - Kate DiCamillo

The People of Sparks (or any in Books of Ember series) - Jeanne DuPrau

The Music of the Dolphins - Karen Hesse

The Boy Who Saved Baseball - John H. Ritter

Harry Potter (any in series) - J.K. Rowling

6th Grade Summer Reading Log

Required Text

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson

Assignment Option Selected: # _____

Parent Signature: _____

Self-Selected Book #1

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Author: _____

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Self-Selected Book #2

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