



Dear rising 6th grade students (and parents),

Reading is so very important. Please read as much as you can this summer (above and beyond the requirement), and reap the many rewards of a reading life including improved vocabulary, understanding of others, and cultural knowledge. **It really does make you smarter.** Always put down a book you are not enjoying and try another!

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT:

Part I: Read two books you have not already read. You can choose from the below authors or choose books by another author. Remember to choose books that are fun and interesting to you!

Lois Lowry	Cynthia Voigt	Avi
Jerry Spinelli	Kate DiCamillo	Scott O'Dell
Louis Sachar	Robin McKinley	Elizabeth George Speare
Robert C. O'Brien	Shannon Hale	Paul Curtis
Gary Paulsen	Roald Dahl	Jason Reynolds
Sharon Shinn	J. K. Rowling	Pam Munoz Ryan
Ann Rinaldi	Madeline L'Engle	Sharon Draper
Anthony Horowitz	Gary Schmidt	Kwame Alexander
Jacqueline Woodson	Karyn Parsons	

Next, complete the following assignment for one of the books you read: **Novel Bag Presentation**
Find an empty bag (grocery bag, lunch bag, etc.) You will fill the bag with five (5) items related to your book in some way, write those items out on the index card, and then present your bag to the class. (A novel bag for *Frozen* might contain: gloves, a rock, a compass, carrots for Sven, and paper snowflakes). You will present your novel bag on the first Friday of school.

Part II: Read *Ghost* by **Jason Reynolds**. Then, **write a letter** from a character. Compose a handwritten letter on notebook paper from any character in the book to anyone else. It can be to another character, a real person, a local newspaper, or anyone/anything you can think of. Your letter must be in the first person (use "I") and must include three (3) details from the book. Remember, this will be my first impression of your writing and your school work in general, so do your best. Don't forget the signature!
Letters are due on the second day of school.

We will discuss *Ghost* the first week of school, so be sure to pay attention to the details of the book! We will also talk about the themes of facing fears and overcoming obstacles throughout the school year.

If you have any questions, please email me at saltersh@fbschool.org, and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Happy reading!

-Ms. Salters

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