



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 one book you have not already read. You can choose from the below authors or choose books by another author. Remember to choose a book that is fun and interesting to you!

Lois Lowry	Cynthia Voight
Jerry Spinelli	Kate DiCamillo
Louis Sachar	Robin McKinley
Robert C. O'Brien	Shannon Hale
Gary Paulsen	Roald Dahl
Sharon Shinn	J. K. Rowling
Avi	Elizabeth George Speare
Scott O'Dell	Pam Munoz Ryan
Ann Rinaldi	Madeline L'Engle
Anthony Horowitz	Gary Schmidt

Next, complete the following assignment for the book 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 *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. 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 *Wonder* 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 compassion and friendship 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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