

BOOK REPORT GUIDELINES FOR SUMMER READING STUDENTS ENTERING THE 6th GRADE

All students entering the Sixth Grade in September are required to read two books during the summer from the enclosed list. One book report and a letter to a character friend will be due by September 25, 2009.

The basic format for your report must contain the following information:

1. Title
2. Author
3. Publisher and date of publication
4. Type of book (fiction, science fiction, historical fiction, nonfiction, etc.)
5. Principal characters
6. Brief summary
7. Personal reaction

The choices of books are:

1. The Neddias by David Pinkwater
2. The Boy That Saved Baseball by John H. Ritter
3. Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements
4. The Amistad by Walter Dean Myers (non-fiction)
5. Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko
6. Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
7. Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert O'Brien
8. The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden
9. Rules by Cynthia Lord
10. Knots in my Yo-Yo String by Jerry Spinelli (autobiography)

In addition to the book report, students are required to write a letter to one of the books' characters pretending that the character is your friend. In your letter you should ask questions and discuss events in the book. Letter should be at least one page in length.

Assignments must be turned in on time. Late assignments will have points deducted. Typed pages should be size 12 Times New Roman and double spaced.