

Summer Reading for Rising 6th Graders

Students are required to read a total of four (4) books over the summer and complete a brief assignment. Be prepared to discuss them on the first day of school, August 25, 2009.

ENGLISH ~ Choose any **two** from the 2009 – 2010 Sunshine State Young Reader Award Books Grades 6-8:

Airball: My Life in Briefs by Lisa Harkrader
All the Lovely Bad Ones by Mary Downing Hahn
Dragon Slippers by Jessica Day George
Entertainer and the Dybbuk, The by Sid Fleischman
First Light by Rebecca Stead
Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Gabriel's Horses by Allison Hart
Go Big or Go Home by Will Hobbs
Hot, Sour, Salty, Sweet by Sherri Smith
Into the Wild by Sarah Beth Durst
La Linea by Ann Jaramillo
Misadventures of Maude March, The by Audrey Couloubis
Runaway by Wendy VanDraanen
Schooled by Gordon Korman
Wing Nut by Mary Auch

Assignment: While reading your books, consider how the author describes the main character and develops his/her character. On a 4 x 6 note card, describe the physical attributes of the main character as well as at least five character traits. Provide evidence from the story to support your choices. Be prepared to share your thoughts and discuss how the author develops the main character. You may refer to this note card when composing a brief essay in class.

Social Studies

The Golden Goblet by Eloise Jarvis McGraw

Assignment: Take an 8 1/2 in. x 11 in. sheet of white paper and divide it into four equal sections. In each section you will need to make a colored-pencil drawing that represents a significant event in Ranofer's life.

SCIENCE

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

Assignment: Write a friendly letter to the science teacher, Mrs. D'Arco, expressing your feelings about the book. Give specific details from the book to support your opinions. Please write FIVE complete paragraphs. Please keep in mind that there are differences between the book and the movie.