

# Summer Reading for Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

*Students are required to read a total of four (4) books over the summer and be prepared to discuss them on the first day of school, August 24, 2010.*

ENGLISH (two required books) - **Choose two from the following list:**

*The Red Pyramid* by Rick Riordan (hardcover only)

*Egypt Game* by Zilpha Keatly Snyder

*The Boy Who Dared* by Susan Campbell Bartolett \*(also a SSYRA book)

*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan

*A Year Down Yonder* by Richard Peck

*Touching Spirit Bear OR Ghost of Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson

*The River* by Gary Paulsen

*Dragonwings* by Laurence Yep

**Assignment:** While reading these books, consider the **themes of self-discovery and discovery of our world.** On one **4x6 note card** (front & back), record the following information:

- The main character(s)
- The setting (time and place)
- Five to ten (5-10) significant events that are related to the themes of self-discovery and discovery of our world.

You may refer to this note card when composing a brief essay in class. Be prepared to share your thoughts and discuss your book in terms of the themes mentioned above.

## **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 Ranofar'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.