



2009 6th Grade Summer Reading - Richards Middle School

Welcome parents and students. Here at Richards Middle School, we encourage our sixth grade students to read independently throughout the school year. Please select a book and project from the following lists. This first book project will be due Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

I previewed this book with this student prior to his/her reading the book, and gave my permission for this book to be read.

Parent/Guardian Signature

BOOK SUGGESTIONS

- *A Corner of the Universe*- by Ann Martin
Fiction about a twelve-year-old girl dealing with a mentally ill uncle= **Newbery Honor**
- *Agnes Parker* -by Kathleen O'Dell
Fiction about a middle school girl growing up
- A Single Shard* -by Linda Sue Park
Fiction about a middle school girl growing up
- *A Wrinkle In Time* -by Madeleine L'Engle
Science fiction about a group of friends and time travel
Newbery Medal
- Becoming Naomi*- by Pam Munoz Ryan
Mexican-American fiction about a girl growing up
- Brandon Buckley's Universe and Everything In It* -by Sundee T. Frazier/African-American fiction/mystery about 10yr old boy=**John Steptoe Award for New Talent**
- Criss Cross* -by Lynn Rae Perkins
Fiction about three girls who are best friends=**Newbery Medal**
- Dear Mr. Henshaw*- by Beverly Cleary
Fiction about a ten-year-old boy in a new school=**Newbery Medal**
- Deep and Dark and Dangerous* -by Mary Hahn
Fictional ghost story about thirteen year old girl.
- Double Dutch*- by Sharon Draper
Fiction about three eight grade girls preparing for a national competition
- Feathers* -by Jacqueline Woodson
African-American fiction about middle school girl
=**Newbery Honor**
- Flipped*- by Wenelin Van Draanen
Romantic comedy about eight graders
- *Heaven* -by Angela Johnson
African- American fiction about a fourteen-year-old girl
- *Hiroshima Dreams* -by Kelly Eastmon
Asian-American fiction about girl with psychic abilities
- Keeping the Night Watch* -by Hope Anita Smith
African-American poetry about a thirteen-year-old boy and his estranged father
- *Kira Kira* -by Cynthia Kadohata
Japanese-American fiction about sisters growing up in south Georgia=**Newbery Medal**
- *Leaving Protection* -by Hobbs
Thriller about a sixteen-year-old boy in Alaska.
- Leepike Ridge*- by N.D. Wilson
Suspense/Mystery about an eleven-year-old boy
- M.C. Higgins* -by Virginia Hamilton
African-American fiction about a fifteen-year-old boy living in the Ohio hills
- Money Hungry* -by Sharon Flakes
African-American fiction about a thirteen-year-old girl & her mother=**Coretta Scott King Award**
- *Out of the Dust* -by Karen Hess
Historical fiction about a fourteen-year-old girl during the great depression=**Newbery Medal**

*probe or accelerated readers

Please select a book project option from the list below.
The completed project is to be turned in by
Tuesday, September 7, 2009.

Option 1: Construct a diorama (three-dimensional scene which includes models of people, buildings, plants, and animals) of one of the main events of the book. Include a written description of the scene explaining its significance in the novel.

Option 2: Create a collage or poster displaying pictures or 3-dimensional items that are related to the book. Either next to the object, or on a separate sheet of paper, write one to two sentences explaining the items significance.

Option 3: Write an essay comparing and contrasting two characters in the novel.

Option 4: Re-write the novel for children by creating a picture book.

Option 5: Write a diary that one of the novel's main characters might have kept before, during, or after the book's events. Remember that the character's thoughts and feelings are very important in a diary.

Option 6: Create a book jacket complete with inside plot summary.

Option 7: Create a comic book or comic strip, complete with bubble style conversations showing a major event in the plot.

Option 8: Be the teacher; design a test for your novel. Include a variety of questions, you may include: true/false, multiple choice, matching, short answer, and discussion questions.

Don't forget the following in your book report!

Name _____

Date _____

Teacher _____

Title _____

Author _____

Genre _____



MORE BOOK SUGGESTIONS

****Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida*** -by Victor Martinez*/Mexican-American fiction about a middle school boy and his struggles with discrimination=**Winner of the National Book Award for Young People's literature**

Skeleton Man -by Bruchac/Horror/Mystery about a young girl trying to find her parents who have vanished

Skin I'm In -by Sharon Flake/African-American fiction about a thirteen-year-old girl learning to accept herself=**Coretta Scott King Award**

Taking Sides -by Gary Soto/Latin-American fiction about an eight grade basketball player

The Entertainer of The Dybbuk -by Sid Fleishman/Historical fiction about a boy in postwar Europe

The Graveyard Book -by Neil Gaiman/Fiction about a boy who lives in a graveyard=**Newbery Medal**

The Rising Star of Rusty Nail -by Leslie M. Blume/Historical fiction about a 10-year-old girl in Minnesota

Trading Places -by Claudia Mills/Fiction about 10-year-old twins and the struggles their family faces

Twelve Rounds to Glory: the Story of Muhammad Ali -by Charles r. Smith/African-American non-fiction story of the famous boxer=**Coretta Scott King Award**

We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball- by Kadir Nelson/African-American non-fiction about the Negro League baseball=**Coretta Scott King Award**

****Weedflower*** -by Cynthia Kadohata*/Japanese-American fiction about a twelve-year-old girl and her native-American friend

****Zlata's Diary*** -by Slata Filipovic/Bosnian non-fiction diary of an eleven -year-old girl in her native Sarajevo 1991-1993

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