

6th Grade Summer Reading

As you begin your summer break it is still important to keep your mind active and gain knowledge. Over summer break you will read two summer reading books. The assignments associated with the novels, are meant to keep you engaged while reading.

The mandatory novel for all incoming 6th graders, it is *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls

In the novel Billy Colman roams the Ozarks of Northeastern Oklahoma with his bluetick hound and his precious coonhound pup trying to “tree” the elusive raccoon. In time, the inseparable trio wins the coveted gold cup in the annual coon-hunt contest, captures the wily ghost coon, and bravely fights with a mountain lion.

You also have the choice of one of the following books to complete the attached “your choice” summer reading book report.

The Boy on the Wooden Box: A Memoir by Leon Leyson

The darkest of times can unleash the worst in human nature- and the best. Leon Leyson lived through those times. Forced through home to ghetto to concentration camps, separated from his family for months, he experienced things that no child should ever experience. However, one thing that could never be torn away from him, was his will to survive.

Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank

In 1942, with the Nazis occupying Holland, a thirteen-year-old Jewish girl and her family fled their home in Amsterdam and went into hiding. For the next two years, until their whereabouts were betrayed to the Gestapo, they and another family lived cloistered in the “Secret Annex” of an old office building. Cut off from the outside world, they faced hunger, boredom, the constant cruelties of living in the confined quarters, and the ever-present threat of discovery and death.

The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis

During the World War II bombings of London, four English siblings are sent to a country house where they will be safe. One day Lucy finds a wardrobe that transports her to a magical world called Narnia. After coming back, she soon returns to Narnia with her brothers, Peter and Edmund, and her sister, Susan. There they join the magical lion, Aslan, in the fight against the evil White Witch?

Summer Reading Report for "your choice book"

Name: _____ Class: _____

First read the entire assignment before beginning your reading. The assignment is designed to help you analyze the novel as you read. You will need to be aware of main characters, new vocabulary, and the setting.

Title of Book: _____ Author: _____

Novel Prediction: Based on the title, picture, and anything else on the cover, what do you think the book will be about?

List 6 words in the novel, that were either new to you or interesting. List the word and its meaning.

1. _____ :
2. _____ :
3. _____ :
4. _____ :
5. _____ :
6. _____ :

Characterization: Pick 2 main characters and list a minimum of 5 traits or each character

1. _____ :

2. _____ :

Setting: What is the setting of the novel? If the setting changes throughout the book, explain why and the new setting.

Where the Red Fern Grows summer reading project

For the mandatory summer reading novel, you will create an alphabet poster board to describe the book. For each letter of the alphabet pick a word or phrase that represents the novel. Create a poster with the words and phrases for each letter of the alphabet. You must also include the title, author, and at least 5 pictures that represent *Where the Red Fern Grows*. I know that x,y, and z can be difficult, so you can combine them and just come up with one phrase or word.

The rubric for the grading of the alphabet poster is below.

Scoring Criteria	Possible Points	Points Earned
Format Size- half poster board to full poster board Neatness- formal appearance with color	15	
Composition Every letter represented with a word or phrase Title of book Author 5-Pictures/illustrations that represent theme and novel	50	
Conventions Spelling Punctuation Capitalization Grammar	15	
Content of List In Alphabetical order List is creative, interesting, and meaningful List is well organized and easy to understand	20	