Grade 6 Summer 2026 Assignment

Dear Students,

Summer is the perfect time to become lost in a good book. One of the major benefits of reading is how it contributes to our personal growth. Reading allows you to learn from the experiences of others.

You will be required to read either ***Holes*** by Louis Sachar or ***Maniac Magee*** by Jerry Spinelli, and one other book from the following list. However, please don't limit yourself! Read for enjoyment and growth this summer! Read and discuss books with your friends and family!

1. For the required novel, respond to the following questions. Be sure to write in complete sentences with proper sentence structure, grammar, capitalization, and punctuation. (12 point font)

- Who are the main characters, and how would you describe them? How do the characters relate to one another?

- Where and when does this story take place? What is this place like?

- What is the conflict or problem that the characters are facing?

- How is the conflict resolved at the end?

- Choose ***one (1)*** of the following activities to complete:
    - Write a letter exchange between two (2) characters. You must include at least three (3) letters from each of the 2 characters (Six letters in total). These letters must be written in proper friendly letter format and be at least 3/4 of a page long.
    - Create an artistic drawing or painting of a part of the story that was significant to you. On the back, briefly write a paragraph describing why this image is significant.

2. Your second literature assignment is to choose a novel of your choice. You can use these resources to find a good book.

Reading lists for Middle School children

40 Books for 6th Graders You'll Want To Share Immediately

Use the following rubric to create a book jacket for your chosen novel. Your assignments will be assessed for insightfulness of content, creativity, and neatness. Be prepared to have a literature discussion with your classmates and present your book jackets during the first week of school.

Summer Reading Book Jacket Guidelines

Front Cover

- ❏ Design a cover for your book jacket that includes:
  - ❏ The title of the book (3)
  - ❏ The author's name (2)
  - ❏ A creative illustration. This should be eye-catching and reflect an important part of the book. Your illustration can be hand drawn, with colored pencils or markers, or designed on the computer. (This must be an original creation.) (10)

Book Spine

- ❏ The title of the book
- ❏ The author's name
- ❏ Publisher's logo

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Back Cover

- ❏ In the top section of the panel, include a rating of this book with a detailed explanation in paragraph form (100 words).
- ❏ In the middle section, write a description of a favorite scene with a detailed explanation in paragraph form (100 words).
- ❏ In the bottom section, include your favorite quote from the book with a detailed explanation in paragraph form of who said it, to whom it was said, why it was said, and why you like the quote (100 words).

Front Cover Flap

- ❏ In the upper section of the flap, include a summary of the major events that occur in the book in paragraph form (150 words).
- ❏ At the very bottom of the flap, include your name and date.

Back Cover Flap

- ❏ In the upper section of the flap, include a small picture of the author with a short biography of the author (50 words).
- ❏ In the lower section of the flap, write a short explanation of the creative, original artwork used on the front cover flap. (75 words).

Spelling/Grammar

- ❏ Be sure to revise and edit your book jacket, checking for correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, and well-written paragraphs.

Overall Creativity & Neatness

- ❏ Try to be as creative as possible with your book jacket. Use lots of colors and use your imagination! The book jacket should be neatly put together.

Inside Back Cover Flap: Author picture Author biography (50 words)	**Back Cover:** **Favorite character or characters** of this book with explanation in paragraph form. **Favorite scene:** Describe a favorite scene with an explanation in paragraph form **Favorite Quote:** From the book, with an explanation in paragraph form of who said it, and why you like the quote.		**Front Cover:** **Title & Author's Name** **Artwork:** Creative, original artwork illustrating the book. This may be a favorite scene in the story or a picture of the main character. Do not recreate the actual cover. Be Creative!	**Inside Front Cover Flap:** **Summary** of events in the book in paragraph form

Directions:

1. Format information as shown above.
2. Design a book jacket that will be folded like the example above.
3. You may use the computer to help with your design, or you may create your jacket by hand, or a combination of both.
4. Design your book jacket so that it includes the above information.
5. Be original! Be creative! Use color! Use your imagination! Have fun!
6. Please write about the author and book using your own words. No plagiarism allowed.

If you have any questions or want good book recommendations, feel free to contact me. I'm always happy to share a good book!

Happy reading!

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