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Dear Student,

All students attending The Police Officer Rocco Laurie Intermediate School in the fall of 2019 will be required to read two novels, and complete their accompanying assignments this summer. It is imperative that you start the school year off on the right foot and are ready for 6th grade.

You are required to read *The Misfits* by **James Howe**. After reading the story you are to write a letter to your new principal, Ms. Jackson, explaining how you are going to make a positive impact on IS 72. You are required to include at least two references from the novel. Include your fears, behaviors and thoughts on bullying, acceptance, and differences. Remember, your letter must include an introduction, body, and conclusion paragraph.

For the second novel, you have a choice of reading either *Out of My Mind* by **Sharon Draper**, or *Rules* by **Cynthia Lord**. For this assignment, you will have a choice to create a collage **or** complete the attached worksheet. The collage should be made up of at least 6 pictures with a description of each, and 6 words that come to mind when you read the story and hear about differences. The collage should be on 8 x 11 paper, and the pictures/words should cover the entire page. The questions on the attached worksheet should be answered in complete sentences, using text evidence to support your responses.

Attached is the worksheet to be used with the secondary novel of your choice listed above. **Both assignments will count as an assessment grade for the first quarter for Language Arts Class.**

Thank You,

Mrs. Jackson
Principal

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6th Grade Fiction Summer Reading Response

Name _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

1. In one well-written paragraph, describe the main events of the plot. Be sure to discuss the characters, setting, conflict, climax, and the resolution.

2. In one well-written paragraph, analyze the traits of the main character of the novel. Be sure to discuss 2 character traits and cite at least 2 pieces of text evidence to support your ideas.

3. Evaluate the novel on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the best). Explain your evaluation.
