

**The Police Officer Rocco Laurie School
Intermediate School 72**

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Dear Student,

All students attending The Police Officer Rocco Laurie Intermediate School in the fall of 2020 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 7th grade.

You are required to read *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. After reading the story you are to select two characters from the novel and describe their friendship. Consider the characters different backgrounds and explain how they worked together to acknowledge these differences.

You are required to include at least two references from the novel and use RACE to complete your answer.

For the second novel you will read *A Handful of Stars* by Cynthia Lord. After reading the novel you will write a book review. Consider these questions: Do you think other students would enjoy *A Handful of Stars*? Explain why you would recommend reading the book. Mention specific things you liked about the story. For example, did you think the story seemed believable? Did you think the characters were realistic? Did the descriptions of the setting seem accurate? If you didn't like the book, tell why you would not recommend it. Cite textual evidence to support your opinion and use RACE to complete your answer.

Both assignments will count as an assessment grade for the first quarter for Language Arts Class.

Thank You,

Mrs. Jackson
Principal