

**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 *Fish in a Tree*, by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. 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 *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli, or *Woods Runner* by Gary Paulsen. For this assignment, you will complete the attached worksheet. The questions on the attached worksheet should be answered in complete sentences, using text evidence to support your responses. You are also required to complete a creative writing piece. Your creative work can be anything that relates to the book: a song, a poem, a short story, a play, or any combination of genres. You can rewrite a scene from the perspective of another character. You could re-imagine the plot in a different setting. You could rewrite the ending. You could write a poem that deals with a theme or a character in the book. Whatever kind of text you write, include an explanation that links your creative work back to the book you read. Explain how your work is related to the author's work.

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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7th 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, determine the theme of the novel. How does the author use details to support this theme? Use three pieces of text evidence to support your ideas.

3. What is one thing you would change about the novel? Explain your response.
