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New Rochelle Summer 2020 Reading Assignment for Incoming 6th Graders

Due to your 6th Grade ELA Teacher during the first week of school in September.

Dear Incoming 6th Graders,

We are so excited to be working with you next year!

In order to continue to grow as a reader and a writer over the summer, you will choose 1 of the many books you read this summer and complete a reading response entry to show your deep thinking!

You may type your response or use the sheets provided. Attached you have a suggested reading list, questions for you to respond to, and the rubric we will use to assess your hard work.

New Rochelle students with a library card have access to the public library's Overdrive catalog of ebooks--which is actually from the Westchester Library System. Directions for getting library cards are on the New Rochelle Public Library website at: <https://nrpl.org/> The link for ebooks through Overdrive from the Westchester Library System is: <https://westchester.overdrive.com/>

Enjoy your summer and we look forward to hearing about your reading and writing life when you return in September!

Sincerely,

Your Grade 6 ELA Teachers



Recommended Summer Reading Books to Consider:

Adventure

Lionboy: the first book in a trilogy by Zizou Corder (series)
Holes by Louis Sachar
Summer of the Mariposas by Guadalupe Garcia McCall

Fantasy

Scorpion Mountain by John Flanagan (series)
Coraline by Neil Gaiman
The Grimm Legacy by Polly Shulman
Drift by M.K. Hutchins

Biography

You Want Women to Vote. Lizzie Stanton? By Jean Fritz
Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science by John Fleischman
Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman by Kathleen Krull
Twenty-two Cents by Paula Yoo

Autobiography/Memoir

Guts: the true stories behind Hatchet and the Brian books by Gary Paulsen
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Graphic Novel

Anya's Ghost by Vera Brosgol
Drama by Raina Telgemeier
Three Kingdoms by Weidong Chen (series)
Yummy: The Last Days of Southside Shorty by G. Neri
I am Alfonso Jones by Tony Medina
New Kid by Jerry Craft

Historical Fiction

Darby by Jonathon Scott Fuqua
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
X The Novel by Ilyasah Shabazz
Ahimsa by Supriya Kelkar

Horror

Cirque du Freak: A Living Nightmare by Darren Shan (series)
The Forest of Hands and Teeth by Carrie Ryan
The Nightmarys by Dan Poblocki
Serafina and the Black Cloak by Robert Beatty

Humor

No More Dead Dogs by Gordon Korman
15 Minutes by Steve Young
The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket

Mystery

Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett

Liar and Spy by Rebecca Stead

Deadly by Julie Chibbaro

Cat Girl's Day Off by Kimberly Pauley

The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johns

Non-Fiction

Forgotten Bones: Uncovering a Slave Cemetery by Lois Miner Huey

Boys Who Challenged Hitler by Phillip Hoose

Heroes of 9/11 by Allan Zullo

Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

Poetry

Etched in Clay by Andrea Cheng

Under the Mesquite by Guadalupe Garcia McCall

They Call Me Guero: A Border Kid's Poems by David Bowles

Realistic Fiction

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

Wonder by Patricia Palacio

Absolutely Normal Chaos by Sharon Creech

The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya

Ana Maria Reyes Does Not Live in a Castle by Hilda Eunice Burgos

Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Meg Medina

Jump Shot by Tiki Barber

From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks

Blended by Sharon Draper

Romance

Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen

Bella At Midnight by Diane Stanley

The Sun Is Also A Star by Nicola Yoon

Sports

Streetball Crew: Stealing the Game by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Booked by Kwame Alexander

Outside Shot by Walter Dean Myers

Science Fiction

Masterminds by Gordon Korman

The Arctic Code by Matthew Kirby

The Six by Mark Alpert

Rebel Seoul by Axie Oh

Rubric for Assessing the Summer Reading Assignment:

In order to help you do your best, please review the rubric below. Be sure to have strong responses with thoughtful answers that demonstrate your deep thinking. **This will be your first ELA class homework assignment.**

Little or No Attempt 0-1	Approaching Expectation 2	Meets Expectation 3	Exceeds Expectation 4
<p>Completed few or no parts of the assignment, and demonstrated little or no understanding of the book.</p> <p>Response may be left blank or hard to understand.</p>	<p>Completed part of the assignment demonstrating a basic understanding of the book.</p> <p>Response may be too brief or lacks detail.</p>	<p>Demonstrated that you read the book and completed all parts of the assignment.</p> <p>Response was complete with appropriate details and explanation.</p>	<p>Demonstrated that you read the book and completed all parts of the assignment and demonstrated deep understanding and reflection.</p> <p>Response was complete and extended with insightful examples and explanation.</p>

Do your best work. Happy reading!

