

Extra, Extra -Read All About It... 6th grade 2015-2016

Lafayette Middle School 5th grade summer reading list---*This is OPTIONAL- You do not have to do it!!! It is extra credit...*

Congratulations! You have made it to the middle school. Mrs. Bolger and Mrs. Finley are looking forward to meeting you at open house and teaching you all the reading and writing standards needed to succeed in 6th grade and throughout school; however, before you start middle school we have a little work for you to do over the summer. This is to prepare you for 6th grade and get a heads up on AR points. We are asking that you read ONE book this summer. (Just ONE book ☺) We have chosen 4 different books from four different genres for you to choose from. You will be required to turn in a short project with the book if you choose to do the extra credit. Do not bring the project the first day of school. The project will be due Wednesday, August 26 and count as an **extra credit test grade**. You may purchase these books from Square Books Jr., Amazon.com, borrow from fellow peers, or you can check them out at the public library. **This assignment is OPTIONAL and will be treated as EXTRA CREDIT.** Enjoy your summer but don't wait till the last second to read your books.

Historical Fiction

The Seer of Shadows pgs. 208, 720L, RL 5.2, AR pts. 6.0- by Avi- In this intriguing historical ghost story set in New York City in 1872, Horace Carpetine becomes an apprentice to a local society photographer and learns more about deception, ghosts, and photography than he could ever have imagined.

Realistic Fiction

Wonderstruck: A Novel in Words and Pictures pgs. 608, 830L, RL 5.4, AR pts. 4.0 - by Brian Selznick- Rose and Ben are deaf children living fifty years and worlds apart, yet both marvel and connect with the world around them. The American Museum of Natural History links their separate stories- one narrated in text and the other through cinematic illustrations. (The majority of this book is pictures, and you must infer the story through the pictures.)

FantasyThe Black Hope Enigma pgs. pgs. 304, 690L, RL 4.8, AR pts. 10.0 - by Teresa Flavin- When Sunni Forrest's stepbrother accidentally transports himself into a Renaissance painting, she and her friend Blaise set out to bring him back. They find themselves in a strange world of labyrinths, monsters, and pirates.

Science Fiction

City of Ember pgs. 288, 680L, RL 5.0, AR pts. 9.0.- by Jeanne DuPrau- Lights shine in the city of Ember—but at the city limits the light ends, and darkness takes over. Out there in the Unknown Regions, the darkness goes on forever in all directions. Ember—so its people believe—is the only light in the dark world. And now the lights are going out. Is there a way to save the people of Ember? No one knows. But Lina Mayfleet has found a puzzling document, and Doon Harrow has made discoveries down in the Pipeworks. With these clues, they start their search.

Now that you have finished you are to choose one project. You are to choose your projects from the list below:

*Summarize the book in poem form with rhyme (minimum of 20 lines)

* Discuss in depth the relevance of the title. Why do you feel that the author chose that title? It must be at least a page, no less.

*Design a time-line for events in the book. The time line must have at least 15 events from the story, in order, and must have illustrations (pictures) to go along with the each event.

* You're the reporter--- Write a front page news story or a report live from one of the scenes in your story. (minimum of a half page, no less)

Once again, **THIS** is optional...