



**6TH GRADE
SUMMER READING**

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You will need to have read 2 books over the summer. One has been chosen for you and is a Historical Fiction novel. The other book, you may select from a list of 7 novels with no specific genre.

Historical Fiction Novel

1. *Cracker by Cynthia Kadohata* - Cracker is a German shepherd trained to work as an army dog sniffing out bombs and the enemy. Together, he and his handler, Rick Hanski, become the team in Vietnam. When Rick is injured and returns to the states, he tries to locate Cracker.

Pick 1 of these 7 options:

- 1. *Buddy* by M.H. Herlong**
- 2. *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio**
- 3. *Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan**
- 4. *The Saturday Boy* by David Fleming**
- 5. *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein**
- 6. *The Kingdom Keepers* by Ridley Pearson**
- 7. *Flora and Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo**

Summer Reading

Creative Project

In the spaces below, please write the titles and authors of the two books you read.

1. _____

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Which of the above books did you like better? Why? Please answer in no less than one paragraph (5-8 sentences)

Objective: for your first Language Arts grade of the year, you will be creating a 3-dimensional project that reflects various elements of the story you wrote about in the paragraph above. This 3-D project can be diorama, on posterboard, a flipbook, a “book jacket” – the possibilities are endless!

- Your project must inform readers about the following story elements:
setting, characters, problem and solution, and interesting facts from the story.
- The project will be shared in class, so be familiar with all story elements so that your teacher and peers can ask you questions about the book.

DUE DATE: Monday, September 22, 2014

You will be graded on the following:

- **Content:** Did you include all the above story elements?
- **Visual Appeal:** Is your project appealing to the eye?
- **Originality:** Are all the ideas uniquely your own?
- **Spelling Grammar, and Mechanics:**

1. Explain the **setting** of the Story?

2. Who are the **major characters** in the story? Are they heroes or villains?
How does each character you describe below contribute to the story?

3. What is the **major conflict** in the story? This should be the problem that is introduced near the beginning. The remainder of the story should center around this problem and work towards solving it.

4. What is the **solution** to the problem you wrote about?

5. What **interesting facts** would you like your audience to know about this story?