

# Sixth Grade Summer Work 2024

Dear Future Students,

I hope you are having a happy and relaxing summer time! I am so excited to meet some of you for the first time, and I am equally as excited to see some of you again!

As you know, it is very important to keep your reading and writing skills sharp over the summer, but I want to make sure that you balance your reading time with some FUN! Make sure you go outside and enjoy some sunshine, spend quality time with your family, and take some time to relax. You deserve it!

Your summer assignment is attached on the next page along with a sample. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email. I will respond as soon as I can, but please remember, I am also enjoying some relaxation, too!

I can't wait to hear about all of your summer adventures when we come back together in August! Have a happy and safe vacation.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. McGinnis

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For this summer, you will read a minimum of 2 books, at least one from each of these categories.

1. Choose one of the following titles:
  - a. The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
  - b. Swindle by Gordon Korman
  - c. The Mighty Miss Malone by Christopher Paul Curtis
  
2. Any 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade level book you choose!

### **Your assignment for book #1: Reading Reflection**

You may type or hand write your reflections. Choose **any 5** of the following prompts to write a **4-5 sentence response** about the book you are reading. These can be spread throughout the book or at places that pop out to you. These reflection prompts will make you think about the plot, the characters, text connections, and MUCH MORE!

Please be sure to carefully proofread your writing for correct spelling, punctuation, grammar, etc. See below for an example.

### **Your assignment for book #2:**

There is no paper assignment that you need to do for this book that you read. Pick a book that looks interesting or one that you've heard about, and just read it for fun! The only thing I ask of you is that you have a parent, friend, or family member snap a picture of you reading your book and email it to me. That's it! Whether you are going on a relaxing beach getaway or you will be reading in a cozy nook at your house, I would love to see which book you chose and see you in action. Today's readers are tomorrow's leaders! The picture is optional!

**Finally**, there will be a special prize for the student(s) who reads the greatest number of books over the summer.

**Happy reading!**

# Reading Response Prompts - Book #1

1. Which character from this chapter reminds you of someone in your life? Who and how?	2. Does this story remind you of another book you have read? How are the books similar? How are they different?	3. If set in another time or place, how would this book change? Explain.
4. Describe a conflict that happened in this chapter/book. How do you think it will be resolved?	5. Pick a word that you think would describe this chapter. Why did you choose this word?	6. Choose a paragraph from the book that you think gives a good description of something. Copy it down. Why did it stick with you?
7. From whose point of view is this story told? One of the characters? Several of the characters? A narrator? How would the story change if it were someone different?	8. Do you like the main character of your book? Why or why not?	9. Think about the chapter you just read. Finish this sentence in 3 ways: I wonder... Explain.
10. After reading a chapter, make a prediction of what you think will happen next in the story.	11. Think about a choice that a character made. Would you have made that same choice? Why or why not?	12. Do you have any unanswered questions about your story? What are they? Why are you still wondering these?

## Reading Prompt Example

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Work – Book #1 Reading Reflections Title:

Holes by Louis Sachar

Prompt #4: In this book, one of the main conflicts is between the main character and society. Due to a curse in his family, Stanley Yelnats is a very unlucky kid. One day, he is accused of stealing sneakers from a famous baseball player named Clyde “Sweet Feet” Livingston. At his trial, he told the judge the truth, that they literally fell onto his head from the sky. The skeptical judge did not believe him, and he was sentenced to spend time at the juvenile detention center, Camp Green Lake. This is what starts the whole story in Holes.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill the shelf with the names of the wonderful books you've read. I am not expecting you to fill the whole thing this summer. Feel free to color the plants and other fun things on it too!

