6th Grade Summer Assignment 2013

Summer is a great time to kick back with a book, whether it's at the beach or in your own backyard! This summer you will be required to read two (2) books for school and complete one activity for each book (a total of 2 activities). Both activities are due on **September 3, 2013**, but may be handed in as early as the first day of school.

Reading is the best way to be prepared for the 6th grade. Therefore, we encourage you to read as much as possible and would love for you to record some of the books you read on the attached form. A list of suggested readings is posted on the school website (www.alicedeal.org).

The books you can choose from to complete the reading assignments and activities are:

- *Al Capone Does My Shirts, A Tale From Alcatraz*, by Gennifer Choldenko
- *Elijah of Buxton,* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Esperanza Rising,* by Pam Munoz Ryan
- *When You Reach Me,* by Rebecca Stead

Activity #1: Short Essay

For one of the books you choose to read, write a short essay (3-5 paragraphs). Include the title of the book and the author in the first paragraph. The essay should describe the main character, using examples from the book to describe at least 2 character traits. Tell whether you think the main character is a good role model for a 6th grader. Explain why or why not, using supporting ideas from the book and your own experiences.

Activity #2: Individual Book Project

For the other book you choose to read, complete ONE of the following individual book projects:

- Make a poster advertising and illustrating the book and important information that would make someone want to read it. The poster must be on a page of 8.5"x11" (regular printer-sized) paper.
- Create an artistic drawing depicting the theme of the book. Include a title for your drawing and use color.
- Write a free-verse poem that conveys the mood and tone of the book. Include an illustration to support the mood and tone of the poem. (For example, the author may convey sadness in a number of ways: a dark, rainy day or a person crying.)
- Create a cartoon depicting an important incident. Use color.

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Other books that I read this summer are:

Name of Book	Author