

# MS890 6th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Dear students,

Welcome to MS 890! I am so excited to meet you all and learn together. This summer I'm asking you to complete a summer reading assignment that will give me a chance to get to know you as a reader!

## **Step One - Pick Your Novel**

Pick and read any **one** book from the list below.

- *Blackbird Fly* by Erin Entrada Kelly
- *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Anderson
- *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Anything But Typical* by Nora Raleigh Baskin
- *Holes* by Louis Sachar
- *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan
- *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling

## **Step Two - Tell Me About It!**

After you have read your chosen novel, respond to these three prompts in writing. Each response should be at least **one complete paragraph** (6-7 sentences) and include some evidence (quotes) directly from the book. Refer to the rubric on the next page to see exactly how your work will be scored.

1. Describe the main character in detail. What is their personality like? What are their interests? What do they want most in life? How do they grow or change throughout the novel?
2. What is the main problem or conflict in the novel? What is the main character trying to overcome or accomplish? What makes this challenging or complicated? What are some obstacles the character faces?

- Describe how friendships or family relationships in the novel affect the main character. Does the character have a lot of friends? Is the character close to their parents or other family members? How do these relationships affect the story?

Please bring a completed hard copy of your summer reading assignment on the first day of school. Your work should be typed (or very neatly hand-written on lined paper). Feel free to email me at [tmasterson@ms890.org](mailto:tmasterson@ms890.org) with any questions.

See you in September!

Mr. Masterson

### **SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT RUBRIC**

| <b>Evidence &amp; Analysis</b>  | <b>Organization</b>   | <b>Presentation &amp; Conventions</b>   |
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| <p>Each response includes at least one direct quote from the novel.</p> <p>Each response references and answers all of the prompt's requirements.</p> <p>Student opinions are clearly stated and supported with text evidence.</p> <p>Student effectively explains the connection between their claims and their evidence in their own words.</p> | <p>Responses include a strong beginning, middle, and end with focused closing statement.</p> <p>Student answers the three prompts in three separate paragraph responses.</p> <p>Response uses transition statements between paragraphs.</p> | <p>The assignment is typed (strongly preferred) or very neatly handwritten on loose leaf paper.</p> <p>Student demonstrates command of formal writing and grammar conventions.</p> <p>Assignment includes the student's name in the header.</p> |
| <b>25 Points</b>  | <b>15 Points</b>  | <b>10 Points</b>  |