

May 25, 2018

Dear Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student,

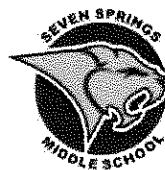
*Happy Summer!* You have worked very hard this year and in order to be most prepared for 6<sup>th</sup> grade, the following assignments, which will be graded, must be completed and turned into your ELA teacher no later than **Friday, August 17, 2018**.

Please read two books from the list of Middle School Sunshine State Books for 2018-19. These books can be purchased from book stores, ordered online, or checked out at your local library. Then complete the following assignments.

- 1<sup>st</sup> book: Write a book summary. This summary must be very neatly handwritten (on lined paper) or typed and 1-2 pages in length. It should be well organized with the main events that happened in the beginning of the story, middle of the story, and end of the story.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> book: Choose a book project from the attached list. Be creative and neat in your presentation. Your project should demonstrate your understanding of the major events in the story you read.

Have a wonderful summer and remember to read a lot!

Sincerely,  
Your 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher  
Seven Springs Middle School



## Book Project Choices

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Power-point</u></p> <p>Create a power-point presentation that will tell the class a little bit about your book!</p> <p>Include slides on...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) The main character</li> <li>2.) The setting</li> <li>3.) The conflict</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Book Illustrations</u></p> <p>If you were hired to be an illustrator for this book, what would you draw?</p> <p>Complete three drawings of main events in the story in sequential order.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Book Advertisement</u></p> <p>If your book became a movie, what would the movie poster look like?</p> <p>How would you try to persuade people to come see your movie?</p> <p>Create a poster with illustrations and a tag line.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Alternate Endings</u></p> <p>Have you ever wondered if your story would be better if it ended differently? Now's your chance to take over the author's job and rewrite the ending of your novel!</p> <p>Please type up an ending using complete sentences and thoughtful paragraphs.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Frame Story</u></p> <p>Show the sequence of your story by creating a series of comic book frames. Show eight major plot points with a brief description of each.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Characters Come Alive</u></p> <p>If the main character of your story had a facebook page, what would it look like? What quotes would they have in their profile? What would their profile pic be? Who would write on their wall?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Letters to the Author</u></p> <p>Write a letter to the author asking them questions about the novel. Express your opinion about what you have read and let the author know your suggestions for future books!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diorama</u></p> <p>Create a miniature model of the setting of your story by using materials around you.</p> <p>Can you create Harry Potter's home under the stairway? Can you create Camp Greenlake where Stanley was forced to work in the novel <u>Holes</u>?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Poetry Corner</u></p> <p>Write a song or a poem that is inspired by the characters or events in your story.</p> <p>Does Alex Rider deserve a rap song? Does your book about the rainforest inspire you to write a poem about the beauty of nature?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Newspaper</u></p> <p>Create a newspaper for your book. Summarize the plot in one article, Cover the "weather" of the book in another article, and do a feature story on one of the more interesting characters in another. Also include a comic strip of a main scene in the book. Include a collection of advertisements that would relate to the story.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Game Time!</u></p> <p>Make a game for your book. It can be a card game, board game, or other game of your choice. Be sure to incorporate the characters and their traits into the game. You should also use the problems from the story as part of the game's challenges.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lights, Camera, Action!</u></p> <p>Pretend that suddenly, your book became a best seller! Write a letter to a movie producer trying to get that person interested in making your book into a movie. Explain why the story, characters, conflicts, etc. would make a good film. Suggest a filming location and actors to play the various roles. <i>You may only use books which have not already been made into a movie!</i></p>



## Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books 2018-2019 List for Grades 6-8



### **Click'd** by Tamara Ireland Stone

At her summer CodeGirls Camp, Allie Navarro invents Click'd, a friend pairing app. Click'd pairs its users with others who have common interests and then sends them a on scavenger hunt to find their matches. A glitch threatens to reveal private information, and Allie must work fast in the school computer lab to find a fix. Can Allie fix her app, win back her friends and get it ready for Games for Good?



### **A Crack in the Sea** by H.M. Bouwman

A portal between two worlds opens unexpectedly. Those who travel to the second world find solace, but the Raft King wants to change all of that. Relating the tales of three sets of siblings who endure hardships, experience magic, adventures on the sea, and an enchanting second world, *A Crack in the Sea* is a unique tale where the door to the first world may never reopen.



### **Surrender the Key** by DJ Machale

There's a place beyond this world where spirits tell their tales, stories that ended too soon, or don't end at all. It's a place for unexplainable things: mysteries without solutions, ghosts and a boggin. They all have a story. Marcus and his friends have found the key to unlock the Library and they need to use it. A strange man in a bathrobe haunts them; fires rage out in an instant, a creepy old lady shows up at Marcus's house.



### **The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora** by Pablo Cartaya

Arturo lives in Miami playing basketball and working a few shifts at his Abuela's restaurant. When he meets Carmen, a young girl who moves into Arturo's apartment complex, his stomach is in knots. On top of the problems with his new crush, his town is being threatened by a land developer. With the help of Carmen and the book of poetry of Jose Marti left by his grandfather, Arturo discovers family bonds and community are stronger than ever.



### **The Eureka Key** by Sarah Thomson

When middle school puzzle master Sam and history wiz Martina win a contest for a summer trip across the US, they discover they've been drafted into something vastly more extraordinary. Along with another kid on the trip, Theo, a descendant of George Washington, they must follow clues to find seven keys left behind by the Founding Fathers. Together the keys unlock Benjamin Franklin's greatest invention--a secret weapon intended to defend the country. Each key is hid-



### **The Firefly Code** by Megan Frazer Blakemore

Up until a new girl, Ilana, moves to Firefly Lane, Mori and her friends lived a normal life. They never questioned anything in Old Harmonie, their utopian community. Questions arise about the new girl. Where Ilana says she comes from doesn't add up and her behavior is strange. Once they discover the truth they must make tough decisions about their seemingly perfect world.

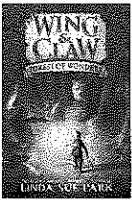


### **First Rule of Punk** by Celia C. Perez

Punk rocker, Zine maker, María Luisa is moving to Chicago with her Mexican-American mother and starting 7th grade in a new school. When she begins her first day with a rebellious start, she needs to figure out how she'll fit in and still hold on to her unique character.

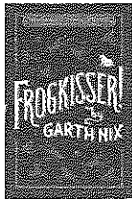
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### ***Forest of Wonders* by Linda Sue Park**

Raffa Santana has always loved the mysterious Forest of Wonders. For a gifted young apothecary, every leaf has the potential to unleash a kind of magic. If only Raffa's father would allow him to experiment freely. When he finds out others are using potions to change animals into weapons, it will take all of his skill to survive.



### ***Frogkisser!* by Garth Nix**

Poor Princess Anya! Forced to live with her evil stepmother's new husband, her evil stepfather, has the unfortunate ability to break curses with magic kisses, AND now forced to go on the run when her stepfather decides to make the kingdom entirely his own. She is not alone, aided by a loyal talking dog, a boy thief trapped in the body of a newt, and some extraordinarily mischievous wizards.



### ***Ghost* by Jason Reynolds**

Running. That's all that Castle Cranshaw aka Ghost has ever known. But never for a track team. His game has always been ball. But when Ghost impulsively challenges an elite sprinter to a race -- and wins -- the Olympic medalist track coach sees he has something: natural talent.



### ***The Girl Who Could Not Dream* by Sarah Beth Durst**

Sophie loves the hidden shop below her parents' bookstore, where dreams are secretly bought and sold. When the dream shop is robbed and her parents go missing, Sophie must unravel the truth to save them. Together with her best friend—a wisecracking and fanatically loyal monster named Monster—she must decide whom to trust with her



### ***How Lunchbox Jones Saved Me from Robots, Traitors and Missy the Cruel* by Jennifer Brown**

Video game-loving Luke Abbott has no interest in joining his school robotics team. For one, he really doesn't know much about robotics. Two, the team has a record of losing. And three, his arch nemesis Missy the Cruel and the scary Lunchbox Jones are both on the team! What is with his lunchbox anyways?



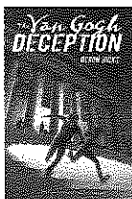
### ***Restart* by Gordon Korman**

Chase wakes up from a fall off the roof not knowing who he is. When he returns to school, the students know exactly who he is, or at least, who he was. Some of the students act like he is a hero, some seem scared of him, and one utterly despises him. Chase is faced with having to figure out not only who he was, but who he wants to be.



### ***Short* by Holly Goldberg Sloan**

Julia might be short, but she refuses to let her height be her shortcoming. Encouraged by her mother to audition for the musical *The Wizard of Oz*, Julia quickly falls in love with the world of theater and all its characters. Over the course of the summer, Julia discovers talents she didn't know she had, forms unlikely friendships, and finds a second home in the theater. It's true what



### ***The Van Gogh Deception* by Deron Hicks**

When a young boy is discovered in Washington DC's National Gallery without any memory of who he is, a high-stakes race begins to unravel the greatest mystery of all: his identity. As the stakes continue to rise, the boy must piece together the clues of his origins while using his limited knowledge to stop one of the greatest art frauds ever attempted.