

Name _____

Grade 6 Summer Reading 2019

Theme: Tolerance

Continue to strengthen your reading skills by *READING* this summer! The theme for students entering grade 6 is **tolerance**. Tolerance is the willingness or ability to accept the differences, beliefs, or behaviors of others.

Assignment:

Read a book of choice with the theme of tolerance. Be sure you choose an appropriate grade level book that you will enjoy and be able to discuss when you return to school in the fall. You may want to keep notes. If you have a difficult time finding a book on your own, there is a suggested list of books attached that you can choose from. You can also visit the Dighton Public Library for assistance in selecting an appropriate book. **In addition, answer the following questions on the pages attached or type your responses in Google Docs.**

OR

Attend a book club at the Dighton Public Library. Read the book before the book club date. You may want to keep notes for the discussion. If you attend a book club, you do not need to answer the following questions on the attached pages as Ms. Lorie, the librarian will facilitate the book activities. The following book clubs will be offered this summer:

July 22 - *Extra Credit* by Andrew Clement
July 29 - *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia
August 5 - *Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea
August 12 - *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio
August 19 - *El Deafo* by Cece Bell and David Lasky
August 26 - *Ungifted* by Gordon Korman



Suggested List for Grade 6 (Book summaries adapted from Goodreads)

Rules by Cynthia Lord

Twelve-year old Catherine spends years trying to teach her autistic brother, David, rules for behaving. But the summer Catherine meets Jason, a paraplegic boy, and Kristi, the next-door friend she's always wished for, it's her own shocking behavior that turns everything upside down and forces her to ask: What is normal?

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. Wonder, told in different perspectives converge a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance.

Extra Credit by Andrew Clement

Abby Carson doesn't like doing schoolwork. A warning letter arrives at her home stating that Abby will have to repeat sixth grade—unless she meets some specific conditions, including taking on an extra-credit project to find a pen pal in a distant country. Letters flow back and forth between the prairies of Illinois and the Afghanistan mountains of central Asia, across cultural and religious divides. The children make important discoveries about their communities, about their world, and most of all, about themselves.

The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis

This hilarious and deeply moving novel blends the fictional account of an African American family with the factual events of the violent summer of 1963. Ten-year-old Kenny and his family, the Weird Watsons of Flint, Michigan, visit Grandma in Birmingham, Alabama at one of the darkest moments in America's history.

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

In the summer of 1968, after travelling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.

El Deafo by Cece Bell and David Lasky

This funny perceptive graphic novel memoir is about growing up hearing impaired. Cece has a giant hearing aid strapped to her chest. She discovers the Phonic Ear, the powerful hearing aid, not only helps her hear her teacher in the classroom, but anywhere her teacher is in school even the hallway and teacher's lounge! This is a superpower! Can Cece channel her powers into finding the thing she wants most, a true friend?

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.

Ungifted by Gordon Korman

The word gifted has never been applied to a kid like Donovan Curtis. It's usually more like, *Don't try this at home*. So when the troublemaker pulls a major prank at his middle school, he thinks he's finally gone too far. But thanks to a mix-up by one of the administrators, instead of getting in trouble, Donovan is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction (ASD), a special program for gifted & talented students. How will he fit in?

Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea

Jessica, the new girl, smart and perceptive, who's having a hard time fitting in; Alexia, a bully, your friend one second, your enemy the next; Peter, class prankster and troublemaker; Luke, the brain; Danielle, who never stands up for herself; shy Anna, whose home situation makes her an outcast; and Jeffrey, who hates school are in Mr. Terupt's fifth grade class. Only Mr. Terupt, their new and energetic teacher, seems to know how to deal with them all. He makes the classroom a fun place, even if he doesn't let them get away with much . . . until the snowy winter day when an accident changes everything—and everyone.

