

## Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Assignments

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Dear Incoming 6th Graders,

I am looking forward to a great year with you! In order to get ready for 6th Grade, please complete the following **3 assignments**, which will count as your first ELA grades of the year. They should be handed in together by **Friday, September 18**. Please make sure your name is on all your work, and **use the checklist at the end of the directions below** to make sure your submission is complete.

Enjoy your summer, and happy reading!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Randazzo

### 1. Fiction Assignment

Choose one of the fiction books from the list below. As you read the book, fill in the attached [Fiction Graphic Organizer](#). After reading the book, use your organizer to help you create a [book jacket](#) for the book on a standard 8 ½ x 11 sheet of white paper. On the front cover, include the title and author. Create your own illustration that matches the book. On the back, include a summary of the book, and make up a few one-line reviews that will entice others to read the book.

### Please choose from the following fiction book choices:

\**Loser* by Jerry Spinelli

\**Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great* by Judy Blume

\*\**Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

\*\**Front Desk* by Kelly Yang

\*\**Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins

\*\**Restart* by Gordon Korman

\*\**The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin

\*\**Stella by Starlight* by Sharon Draper

\*\**Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

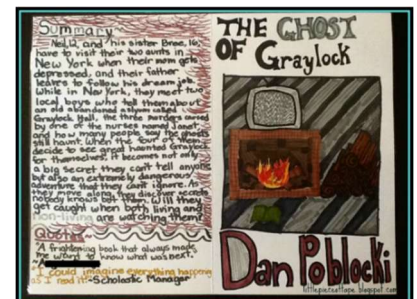
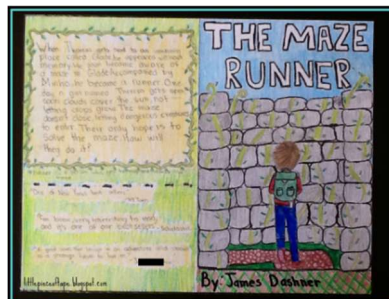
\*\*\**The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne

\*\*\**Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer

\*\*\**The Egypt Game* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder

\* = easier text  
\*\* = on-level text  
\*\*\* = challenging text

Here are some book jacket samples  
(these books are not options to read).



## **2. Non-Fiction Assignment**

Choose a biography to read about a person who interests you. This person can be someone from the past or someone who is still alive today. The book must be at least 100 pages long. As you read, fill in the attached [Biography Graphic Organizer](#).

Journalists often write articles about famous people. In order to find out interesting details about the person, they sometimes interview them. After reading your biography, pretend you are a journalist preparing to write an article about the famous person you read about. Choose 5 of the questions from your graphic organizer to ask to your famous person (no “yes or no” questions allowed!) and write them on the attached [Biography Interview](#) form, along with the answers you think they would give based on what you read about them. Give lots of details, and be creative!

## **3. Poetry Assignment**

Read one of the following poems, which can be found on the internet. As you read it, fill in the [Poetry Graphic Organizer](#).

- “Waiting at the Window” by A.A. Milne
- “My Shadow” by Robert Louis Stevenson
- “The Good Little Boy” by Edgar Guest
- “Teddy Bear” by A.A. Milne
- “The Sugar Plum Tree” by Eugene Field

Then illustrate the poem in a [drawing](#) on a standard 8 ½ x 11 sheet of white paper. On the back, write your name, the name of the poem, and the poet’s name. If there are several pictures you get in your head as you read the poem, just pick one of them to draw.

## **Summer Reading Checklist**

**Please use this checklist to make sure your assignment is complete before turning it in. Make sure your name is on all of your work!**

Fiction:

- Book jacket
- Fiction graphic organizer, stapled to the back of the book jacket

Non-fiction:

- Biography Interview sheet
- Biography graphic organizer, stapled to the back of the Biography Interview sheet

Poetry

- Poetry drawing
- Poetry graphic organizer, stapled to the back of the drawing

# Fiction Graphic Organizer

<b>Title:</b>		
<b>Author:</b>		
<b>Setting(s)-place:</b>	<b>Setting-time:</b>	
<b>Characters and their traits:</b>		
<b>Plot</b>		
<b>Beginning:</b>	<b>Middle:</b>	<b>End:</b>
<b>Problem:</b>	<b>Solution:</b>	

# Biography Graphic Organizer

Person's Name	
Birthdate	
Birthplace	
Date/Place of Death (if applicable)	
Famous For	
Accomplishment(s):	
Questions You Would Ask (at least 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul>

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

### Biography Interview

Choose 5 of the questions from your graphic organizer to ask your famous person (no “yes or no” questions allowed!), then write the answers you think they would give based on what you read about them. Give details, and be creative!

Title of Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of My Famous Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Question 1:

Answer:

Question 2:

Answer:

Question 3:

Answer:

Question 4:

Answer:

Question 5:

Answer:

# Poetry Graphic Organizer

**Poem's title:**

**Poet's name:**

**What is the poem about?**

**Who is narrating the poem?**

**Where does the poem take place?**

**What is the mood of the poem (how does it make you feel)?**

**How does the narrator seem to feel?**

**Do the narrator's feelings change at all in the poem?**