

Summer Reading Project Grade 6

Directions: Read each book choice and the choice of projects for each. A description of each book is on the back. Select one book and one project to complete for the book you read this summer. Please be prepared to present your project to the class. Due Monday, September 9, 2019.

Choice One: *Wonder*

By R.J. Palacio

Choose one project to complete:

1. Create a hanging mobile about the main character August. There should be at least five items on the mobile. Write an 5-6 sentence explanation on the back of each item why you included this item.
2. Create a comic strip of August's adventure to middle school. Provide at least nine frames of the important events that took place in the book. Include a caption about what is taking place in each frame. The comic should be detailed and colorful.
3. Create a poster advertising the book. The poster should be no larger than 11 x 17. Include at least three pictures, a paragraph about the book, and a paragraph of your review of the book. The poster should be neat, detailed, and colorful. The paragraphs should be 5-7 sentences each.

Choice Two: *Bridge to Terabithia*

By Katherine Patterson

Choose one project to complete:

1. Create a Word Cloud Collage of words or phrases from the novel that describe the novel. You may select to cover the entire novel or focus on a single element (character, setting, theme). The Word Collage should fill an 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper, be detailed, colorful, and neatly done. (wordclouds.com)
2. Write an additional chapter for the book that will change the ending of the book. The additional chapter should be one page typed or two pages written.
3. Imagine you are allowed to give one character some advice or words of wisdom. Write a friendly letter to a character from the book that offers wise advice that can help them in the novel. Be sure to use specific evidence from the novel to support your advice.

Choice Three: *A Tale of Despereaux*

By Kate DiCamillo

Choose one project to complete:

1. Create a six page scrapbook about Despereaux's life. Each page should focus on a part of his life. Each page should have at least one picture and a paragraph about this part of his life. The scrapbook should have a cover with a picture and your name. This can be done on paper or on google slides.
2. Illustrate a scene from the story. The picture should be detailed, colored, and fill the page. Choose your favorite scene to illustrate and write a paragraph on why you chose this scene. The paragraph should be 5-7 sentence.
3. Create a theme song about The Tale of Despereaux. The song should be 30-45 seconds in length. You may record your song and upload it to the Google classroom or sing the song live in class.

Choice Four: *Wrinkle in Time*

By Madeleine L'Engle

Choose one project to complete:

1. Create a map of the galaxies and planets that Meg, Charles, and Calvin traveled. Label each place that was significant in the novel. The map should be detailed and colorful. It should be not larger than 12 x 18 inches.
2. Summarize one of the adventures the children took in a one-paragraph essay. The essay should be typed, double spaced, 12 point font. It will be assessed on grammar usage, sentence structure, capitalization, and punctuation.
3. Create a "radio" advertisement reviewing the book. Discuss a bit about the book and why you liked the book. The advertisement should be 45-60 seconds in length. You may record your "radio" show and upload it to the Google classroom or present the "radio" show live in class.

Summer Reading Project Book Descriptions - Grade 6

Choice One: *Wonder*

By R.J. Palacio

August Pullman is not an ordinary ten-year-old kid. Sure, he's a huge Star Wars fan, he loves his dog, and he's got a pretty good sense of humor. But August was born with a craniofacial abnormality, a genetic defect that caused his facial features to be severely deformed. His life has never been "normal."

Despite his differences, August and his parents decide to transition him from home to private school now that he's entering fifth grade. It's the start of middle school, they reason, so everyone will be new. But August has to deal with so much more than just being new. Will he make friends? Will he decide to stay at the school? And can the people around him learn to see past his appearance?

This brilliant, sensitive story, narrated not only by August, but also by his older sister, his classmates, and other kids in his life, takes an insightful look at how one person's differences can affect the lives of so many others.

Choice Two: *Bridge to Terabithia*

By Katherine Patterson

There's only one thing Jess Aarons is looking forward to in fifth grade, and that's being the fastest kid in school. He's been practicing all summer. He hasn't had much else to do, since his mom spends all her time with his four sisters and his dad is always working. But when Jess arrives at the school playground to show off his speed, his new neighbor, Leslie Burke, beats him to it. She's way faster than Jess. But instead of being jealous, Jess admires Leslie's skill, confidence, and wild imagination. The two become instant friends, spending hours in the woods by their houses creating a magical kingdom. Then tragedy strikes, and Jess is left alone. How can he ever go on?

Gripping, relatable, and very emotional, this powerful tale touches hearts with its wonderful portrayal of love and friendship.

Choice Three: *The Tale of Despereaux*

By Kate DiCamillo

The Tale of Despereaux is a 2003 fantasy book written by Kate DiCamillo. The main plot follows the adventures of a mouse named Despereaux Tilling, as he sets out on his quest to rescue a beautiful human princess from the rats. The novel is divided into four "books" and ends with a coda. Each "book" tells the story from a different character's or group of characters' perspective, and finally all of them combined. The book won the 2004 Newbery Medal award.

Choice Four: *Wrinkle in Time*

By Madeleine L'Engle

Meg Murray; her youngest brother, Charles Wallace; and their mother are having a midnight snack on a dark and stormy night when an unearthly stranger appears at their door. He claims to have been blown off course and goes on to tell them that there is such a thing as a "tesseract," which, if you didn't know, is a wrinkle in time. Meg's father had been experimenting with time-travel when he suddenly disappeared. Will Meg and Charles Wallace, along with their friend Calvin, outwit the forces of evil as they search through space for their father? Bridging science and fantasy, darkness and light, fear and friendship, Madeleine L'Engle's 1963 Newbery Medal novel has become a classic of modern children's literature.