

# 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 Thursday, September 6, 2018.

## **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 Paterson

### **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 this life. The scrapbook should have a cover with a picture and your name.
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: *Saduko and the Thousand Paper Cranes***

by Eleanor Coerr

### **Choose one project to complete:**

1. Write a cinquain poem about the book;a cinquain is a verse of five lines. Then paint a watercolor of a paper crane or a scene from the book. Helpful poetry website: [www.kathimitchell.com/poemtypes.html](http://www.kathimitchell.com/poemtypes.html)
2. Create your own origami paper crane and write a haiku poem about the book. A haiku is a Japanese poem of seventeen syllables, in three lines of five, seven, and five, traditionally evoking images of the natural world. Helpful poetry website: [www.kathimitchell.com/poemtypes.html](http://www.kathimitchell.com/poemtypes.html)
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.

**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: *Sadako and the Thousand***

***Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr**

Two-year-old Sadako Sasaki was living in Hiroshima when the atom bomb was dropped. Sadly, ten years later, she was diagnosed with leukemia, also known as "atom bomb disease." There is a Japanese legend that says that if a sick person folds 1,000 paper cranes, the gods will make her well again. Sadako spent long hours in bed, folding those paper cranes, and never giving up that hope. When Sadako had folded six hundred and forty-four cranes, and they hung above her bed on strings, her classmates folded the rest. There is a memorial in Hiroshima Peace Park dedicated to Sadako. Children come there and leave the paper cranes they make in her honor. *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* is based on a true story.