

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION SCHOOL  
SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT  
2008-2009**

**ENTERING SIXTH GRADE**

Students are to read three books. Two must be from the sixth grade reading list. The third may come from either the sixth grade list or the Battle of the Books list for sixth grade.

**REPORT INSTRUCTIONS FOR RISING 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS:**

Write note cards on the three books you read. These must be books that you have not read previously. The note cards are due the first full day of literature class. Please follow the reporting instructions carefully:

- Create one note card for each book that you read
- Use 5" x 8" cards. (Points will be deducted for 3" x 5" cards)
- Write neatly in ink or type your cards

**On the front of each card include:**

- Title (underlined) and author
- Your name and the date you finished the book
- Names of major characters
- Category (fiction or non-fiction)
- Genre (mystery, romance, adventure, biography, history, science fiction)

**On the back of each card include:**

- Memorable line or sentence and the chapter and page where this can be found
- Your reason for choosing this line
- Explanation of what you liked most about the book
- Explanation of what you liked least about the book
- Your opinion of the book: Would you recommend it to your friends? Was the subject interesting? Would you want to read other books by the same author? Explain your opinion. Do not just answer yes or no.

The grade you earn on your summer reading cards will be your first literature quiz grade.

**SUGGESTED READING LIST: RISING 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Avi. Nothing But the Truth. A ninth-grader's suspension for singing "The Star Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story.

Avi. The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle. Thirteen-year old Charlotte Doyle, the only passenger on a voyage from England to America in 1832, must take serious matters into her own hands when she learns that the captain is murderous.

Babbitt, Natalie. Tuck Everlasting. The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing any older.

Blackwood, Gary. The Shakespeare Stealer. A young orphan boy is ordered by his master to infiltrate Shakespeare's acting troupe in order to steal the script of "Hamlet," but he discovers instead the meaning of friendship and loyalty.

Pene du Bois, William. The Twenty-One Balloons. Set in 1883, this book relates the incredible adventures of Professor William Waterman Sherman who sets off in a balloon across the Pacific, survives the volcanic eruption of Krakatoa, and is eventually picked up in the Atlantic.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Pictures of Hollis Woods. A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family who truly cared about her.

Hiaasen, Carl. Hoot. Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved with another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

Holt, Kimberly. When Zachary Beaver Came to Town. During the summer of 1971 in a small Texas town, thirteen-year old Toby and his best friend Cal meet the star of a sideshow act, 600 pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world.

Horvath, Polly. Everything on a Waffle. Eleven-year-old Primrose, who lives in a small fishing village in British Columbia, recounts her experiences and all she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea.

Jacques, Brian. \* Redwall. When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

*\*Denotes the first book in a series by this author. Any book from the series may be chosen by the student.*

Levine, Gail Carson. Ella Enchanted. In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any given her.

Nixon, Joan Lowery. The Name of the Game was Murder. When she visits her great-uncle, a successful and self-centered author, at his fortress-like home on Catalina Island, fifteen-year-old Samantha becomes involved in his manipulative game that leads to murder.

Park, Linda Sue. A Single Shard. Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea lives under a bridge in a potters' village and longs to learn to throw the delicate celadon pottery himself.

Rylant, Cynthia. Missing May. After the death of the beloved aunt who has raised her, twelve-year-old Summer and her Uncle Ob leave their West Virginia trailer in search of the strength to go on living.

**You may also choose books from last year's Battle of the Books list:**

| <b>TITLE</b>                                   | <b>AUTHOR</b>        |
|--|----------------------|
| <i>Chasing Vermeer</i>                         | Blue Balliett        |
| <i>Coraline</i>                                | Neil Gaiman          |
| <i>Crispin: Cross of Lead</i>                  | Avi                  |
| <i>Framed</i>                                  | Frank Cottrell Boyce |
| <i>Gathering Blue</i>                          | Lois Lowry           |
| <i>The Green Glass Sea</i>                     | Ellen Klages         |
| <i>Inkheart</i>                                | Cornelia Funke       |
| <i>Last Shot</i>                               | John Feinstein       |
| <i>Life as We Knew It</i>                      | Susan Beth Pfeffer   |
| <i>Loser</i>                                   | Jerry Spinelli       |
| <i>The Midwife's Apprentice</i>                | Karen Cushman        |
| <i>Money Hungry</i>                            | Sharon G Flake       |
| <i>Redwall</i>                                 | Brian Jacques        |
| <i>Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry</i>            | Mildred D. Taylor    |
| <i>Sea of Monsters</i>                         | Rick Riordan         |
| <i>A Single Shard</i>                          | Linda Sue Park       |
| <i>Skellig</i>                                 | David Almond         |
| <i>The Thief Lord</i>                          | Cornelia Funke       |
| <i>Travel Team</i>                             | Mike Lupica          |
| <i>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i> | Avi                  |
| <i>The Two Princesses of Bamarre</i>           | Gail Carson Levine   |
| <i>The Wanderer</i>                            | Sharon Creech        |