

Summer Reading for Incoming 6th Graders

In order to keep your reading skills sharp over the summer months, you are asked to read a book from the following reading list:

- ❖ *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
- ❖ *The Crystal Ribbon* by Celeste Lim
- ❖ *Orange for the Sunsets* by Tina Athaide
- ❖ *I lived on Butterfly Hill* by Marjorie Agosin
- ❖ *City of the Plague God* by Sarwat Chadda

The first book must be *Hoot* by Carl Haaisen

A response journal must be completed for each book. Before your response include your name, the name of the book, and the author's name as a heading to your paper.

For each book pick two different response prompts:

- ❖ Draw a map of the setting (using black ink and color, should include a map key)
- ❖ Write a short story about what the characters would be doing one year later (1 page minimum)
- ❖ Write a letter to the author (1 page minimum)
- ❖ Draw the main character at the climax of the story. Write a short paragraph explaining your drawing. What was happening to the character at this point?
- ❖ Write a book review. Remember to include a few sentences describing the book, as well as a few sentences about why you liked or disliked it. (5-8 sentence paragraph and how many stars you would give it)
- ❖ Describe a lesson that you learned from reading this book. (5-8 sentence paragraph)
- ❖ Chose one character that you think you would be friends with and explain why. (5-8 sentence paragraph)
- ❖ Choose one setting from a book to live in for a week. Why would you live here? (5-8 sentence paragraph)
- ❖ Create new cover art for the book.
- ❖ What is the book's central idea or message? Explain your thinking using examples from the book. (1 page minimum)