



## 6th Grade Summer Reading 2023-2024

Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations on the completion of another school year! The following is the 6th-grade summer reading requirement for the summer of 2023. The purpose of summer reading is to enjoy literature as well as prevent students' reading and writing skills from regressing. Incoming 6th-grade students are required to read and complete the following:

1. The students are required to read **one** novel from the list below.
  - a. *The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau
  - b. *Rules* by Cynthia Lord
  - c. *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George

**\*\*While selecting your novel, please read the synopsis, as well as reviews with your parents/guardians to ensure you're making the best decision for you and your family.**

2. Students are required to complete all of the following items:
  - a. A written or typed response
  - b. The corresponding character analysis table (based on the book you chose to read)
  - c. One activity from the free choice grid.

**\*\* All assignments are due on the first day of school for a 50-point project/test grade.**

### Written Response Requirements:

- The student's paper should be either written neatly with a black pen or typed.
- The students will need to answer the following questions in 2 paragraphs.
- Each paragraph should be a minimum of 7 sentences.
  - Paragraph 1:
    - Describe the main character from the novel. How does he or she change as the story progresses from start to finish?
    - What is the major conflict or struggle in the story? How does the story end?
  - Paragraph 2:
    - Which character in your novel did you connect with the most? Why?
    - What decisions are made in the novel that you agree with? Which decisions did you disagree with? Why?

If you have any questions about this year's summer reading assignments. Please email me at [ajagitsch@parkwaychristian.org](mailto:ajagitsch@parkwaychristian.org)

## Rules

Think about the characteristics you look for in a good friend. For each of the characters below, provide two examples of their positive or negative friendship traits. Also, include the page number where this trait was observed. If you need additional space, you may continue on a separate piece of paper.

Character	Examples of Positive Friendship Traits	Page Number	Examples of Negative Friendship Traits	Page Number
Jason				
Kristi				
Ryan				
Catherine				

## My Side of the Mountain

Think about all that happened in the year in the wilderness. Sam learned many lessons along the way. Describe two examples of lessons Sam learned about the following four themes. Also, provide the page number in the book where the lesson can be found.

Theme	Lesson Learned by Sam	Page Number
Solitude		
Survival		
Growing up/ Coming of age		
Balance in Nature		

## City of Ember

Characters are revealed by what they say, do, or by what others say about them. In the chart below, answer the questions regarding each character. Also, provide the corresponding page numbers from the book.

Character	Personality Traits Observed	Page Number
Lina	What characteristics help Lina to be able to find the way out of Ember? Describe two traits.	
Doon	What characteristics help Doon to be able to find the way out of Ember? Describe two traits.	
The mayor	Do you think the mayor was a good leader? Give two examples that prove your point of view.	
Mrs. Murdo	Explain how Mrs. Murdo is mother-like towards Lina. Give two examples.	

### Free Choice Grid Activities:

- Pick your favorite scene from your chosen novel.
- Then choose one activity box from the following grid to describe that scene.
- Be creative and make sure to neatly complete all the required parts for your chosen boxes on two blank pages of paper.

<p><b>Cartoon or Comic Strip:</b></p> <p>Draw a cartoon or create a comic strip that summarizes the action in a key scene. You should include dialogue and a description for your illustration.</p>	<p><b>Article for the School Newspaper:</b></p> <p>You are acting as a reporter for the school newspaper. Create a report that summarizes the action in this scene. Your report should follow the format of a newspaper article. Be sure to include the 5 Ws: Who? What? When? Where? Why?</p>	<p><b>Song or Rap:</b></p> <p>Create an appropriate song or rap with lyrics that summarize the action in this scene. Be sure to include the 5 Ws: Who? What? When? Where? Why?</p>
<p><b>Create a Collage</b></p> <p>Create a collage with pictures, icons, or other artwork to represent the action in this scene. There can be occasional words, but no full sentences.</p>	<p><b>Rewrite the Ending:</b></p> <p>First, describe the scene from the novel. Then rewrite a different ending to this scene. Feel free to be creative, but it should still fit the setting/theme of the story.</p>	<p><b>You Be the Person:</b></p> <p>If you could switch places with any character in this scene, who would it be? Explain your choice, and describe what you would have done if you were in their position.</p>