

## **2021 Summer Reading Assignment Students Entering Grade 6**

June 2021

Dear Parents and Students,

This summer reading assignment is designed to encourage our students to read independently and to engage with text through a personal reading response.

Students are required to read **one (1) fictional reading book** and complete the **reading response graphic organizer below**. You are free to choose your own book. Please check with your local library if you need some suggestions. Have fun and find books that interest you! For students who are reading below grade level, they may read their book of choice along with an audio device or along with an adult or older sibling.

**For a second reading book, students are required to read A Boy Called Bat by Elana K. Arnold**. Students need to complete the assigned reflection questions.

**Please bring your two (2) completed reading assignments to Literacy class by September 17, 2021**. Remember this is a graded assignment for the first quarter. Bring your best work! Enjoy your summer!

Respectfully,

The Grade 6 Literacy Teachers

## Summer Reading Personal Response Assignment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** This graphic organizer will help you to personally respond to your summer reading book. While you read, you will be able to identify with the characters, themes, main ideas, and events. Below, use the guidelines in the left column to write your responses in the right column. You will submit the assignment to your literacy teacher by September 17, 2021.

Elements	My Responses
<b><u>Title and Author</u></b>	
<b><u>My Own Title</u></b> Create a new title and explain in two sentences why it is appropriate for the story.	
<b><u>Theme Statement</u></b> Identify the author's message. What is a life lesson that you learned from the story? Explain using three or four sentences. (Ex. Family is important.)	
<b><u>Characters</u></b> Identify one character trait that describes one character in the novel and explain using two examples from the text.	

<p><b>Events</b> Read the following three questions and respond in <b>at least two</b> complete sentences for each.</p> <p>1. What was the major conflict in the story? How was it resolved?</p> <p>2. What did you find was the most interesting, shocking, or surprising event in the book?</p>	<p>1.</p> <p>2.</p>
<p><b>Setting</b> What was the setting (time and place) of the novel? Respond in a complete sentence.</p>	
<p><b>Personal Response</b> Explain whether or not you would recommend this book to a friend using <b>at least two</b> complete sentences.</p>	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_

**A Boy Called Bat by Elana K. Arnold**

**Bat's Five Senses**

The main character, Bat, uses imagery when describing the things around him. Use the chart below to identify some examples of how Bat uses his five senses throughout the story. Please provide the page number.

	He Likes	Does Not Like
Touch		
Smell		
Hear		
See		
Taste		

# Reading Choice Board

Directions: Please choose one option from the chart below. Complete this and please turn it in with this packet.

Personal Connection	Compare and Contrast
<p data-bbox="261 594 740 653"><b>Exploring Interests</b></p> <p data-bbox="203 690 797 1245"><i>“An old lady, old like a grandmother, sat on the bench in the waiting room. She held a box on her lap. Bat stopped in front of her. “What kind of animal do you have in that box?” “It’s my cat, Pickles,” the lady said. “He’s not feeling one hundred percent.” “What are his symptoms?” Bat asked. “Are you the veterinarian?” the lady asked. “No,” said Bat. “Not yet.”</i> (PAGE 106)</p> <ol data-bbox="253 1325 789 1646" style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is Bat’s main interest?</li><li>2. What kinds of books did he read to pursue his interest?</li><li>3. Describe your main interest</li><li>4. What books can you read to gain more knowledge about it?</li></ol>	<p data-bbox="911 594 1333 653"><b>Character Profile</b></p> <p data-bbox="824 711 1414 858">Choose one character from the book. Find/ draw an image of the character from the description in the book.</p>