

## **2019 Summer Reading Assignment Students Entering Grade 6**

June 2019

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 Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt.** Students need to complete the assigned reflection questions.

**Please bring your two (2) completed reading assignments to Literacy class by September 12, 2019.** 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 12, 2019.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

### Part 1:

*“Everyone is smart in different ways. But if you judge a fish on its ability to climb a tree, it will spend its whole life thinking it’s stupid.” - Albert Einstein*

Explain what the above quote means and why you think the author chose it for part of the book’s title. Provide 2 examples from the text to support your explanation. *\*You may type your response, if you choose.*

### Part 2:

Throughout the novel, there are many powerful sayings/quotes. After reading this novel, choose a saying/quote from the novel that stood out to you. Draw or choose a computer image that illustrates this quote. Be sure to add color! Then, explain what you think this saying means.

*Quote:*

*Illustration:*

*Meaning:*