

# 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Assignments

## Reading Assignment:

### Realistic Fiction

\*\*\* Loser or Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

\*\*\* Olive's Ocean by Kevin Henkes

\*\*\* Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool

(RR) Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life series by James Patterson

(RR) Dork Diaries series by Rachel Renée Russell

\*\*\* Rules by Cynthia Lord

Out of my Mind by Sharon Draper

8th Grade Superzero by Olugbemisola RhudayPerkovich

Ticket to India by N.H. Senzai

### Mystery/Thriller

\*\*\* Three Times Lucky by Sheila Turnage

(RR) Alex Rider series by Anthony Horowitz

\*\*\* The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer

(RR) Ashes series by Ilsa J. Bick

(RR) Unwind series by Neal Shusterman

Collected Short Stories of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle

Chomp by Carl Hiaasen

(RR) Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library

### Graphic Novels

(RR) Bone series by Jeff Smith

Amulet: The Stone Keeper by Kazu Kibuishi

\*\*\* El Deafo by Cece Bell

(RR) The Dumbest Idea Ever by Jimmy Gownley

Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova

Real Friends by Shannon Hale

Brave by Svetlana Chmakova

### Animal Fiction

\*\*\* The Call of the Wild by Jack London

(RR) Silverwing by Kenneth Oppel

A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray by Ann M. Martin

### Science Fiction

(RR) Maximum Ride series by James Patterson

(RR) Illuminae by Amie Kaufman & Jay Kristoff

\*\*\* Cinder series by Marissa Meyer

The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury

(RR) I Am Number Four series (Lorien Legacies) by Pittacus Lore

\*\*\* Ender's Game series by Orson Scott Card

\*\*\* Incarceron by Catherine Fisher

Gone by Michael Grant

### Sports Fiction

Swagger by Carl Dueker

(RR) Fantasy League, Travel Team, The Underdogs, , or

Jackie and Me by Dan Gutman

Baseball Genius series by Tim Green and Derek Jeter

\*\*\* = Award winner (RR) = Recommended for Reluctant Readers

***Each student must read a total of TWO books. You can pick and choose from the same category or from different categories.***

### Writing Assignment:

Each student is asked to write two journal entries per week. By the end of the summer you should pick 10 (TEN) of your best entries and have them ready to turn in for the first day of school.

You can choose any entry in the month - MINIMUM of 8-10 sentences each - be creative, use proper grammar and punctuation and have some fun (you can even draw a picture to go with the entry)!

### IXL Math Practice:

20 IXL Assignments will be available (links in Google Classroom) for each student in each grade. You MUST complete 10 (TEN) of them by the first day of school.