

## McKeel Academy

### Middle School Summer Course Work 2011

#### Entering 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 2011-2012

Welcome to 6<sup>th</sup> grade! The following assignments will help you prepare for school in the fall. These assignments are due during the first full week of school.

#### Section1: Reading

Please select one (1) book to read from the following list of Newbery Medal & Honor Books. Upon completion of the novel, you are required to complete a book project (possible options attached.) When you return from summer, you will present your project to the class.

- ***Moon over Manifest*** by Clare Vanderpool (Delacorte Press, an imprint of Random House Children's Books)
- ***Turtle in Paradise*** by Jennifer L. Holm (Random House Children's Books)
- ***Heart of a Samurai*** by Margi Preus (Amulet Books, an imprint of Abrams)
- ***Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night*** by Joyce Sidman, illustrated by Rick Allen (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
- ***One Crazy Summer*** by Rita Williams-Garcia (Amistad, an imprint of HarperCollins)
- ***When You Reach Me*** by Rebecca Stead (Wendy Lamb Books, an imprint of Random House Children's Books)
- ***Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice*** by Phillip Hoose (Melanie Kroupa Books/Farrar, Straus & Giroux)
- ***The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*** by Jacqueline Kelly (Henry Holt)
- ***Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*** by Grace Lin (Little, Brown and Company Books for Young Readers)
- ***The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg*** by Rodman Philbrick (The Blue Sky Press, an imprint of Scholastic, Inc.)
- ***The Graveyard Book*** by Neil Gaiman, illus. by Dave McKean (HarperCollins)
- ***The Underneath*** by Kathi Appelt, illus. by David Small (Atheneum Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Simon & Schuster)
- ***The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom*** by Margarita Engle (Henry Holt)
- ***Savvy*** by Ingrid Law (Dial Books for Young Readers, a division of Penguin Young Readers Group in partnership with Walden Media)
- ***After Tupac & D Foster*** by Jacqueline Woodson (G.P. Putnam's Sons, a division of Penguin Books for Young Readers)
- ***Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village*** by **Laura Amy Schlitz**(Candlewick)
- ***Elijah of Buxton*** by Christopher Paul Curtis (Scholastic)
- ***The Wednesday Wars*** by Gary D. Schmidt (Clarion)
- ***Feathers*** by Jacqueline Woodson (Putnam)
- ***The Higher Power of Lucky*** by **Susan Patron**, illus. by Matt Phelan (Simon & Schuster/Richard Jackson)
- ***Penny from Heaven*** by **Jennifer L. Holm**, (Random House)
- ***Hattie Big Sky*** by **Kirby Larson** (Delacorte Press)
- ***Rules*** by **Cynthia Lord** (Scholastic)
- ***Criss Cross*** by **Lynne Rae Perkins** (Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins)
- ***Whittington*** by **Alan Armstrong**, illustrated by S.D. Schindler (Random House)
- ***Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow*** by **Susan Campbell Bartoletti** (Scholastic)

- ***Princess Academy*** by **Shannon Hale** (Bloomsbury Children's Books)
- ***Show Way*** by **Jacqueline Woodson**, illustrated by Hudson Talbott (G.P. Putnam's Sons)
- ***Kira-Kira*** by **Cynthia Kadohata** (Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster)
- ***Al Capone Does My Shirts*** by **Gennifer Choldenko** (G.P. Putnam's Sons/a division of Penguin Young Readers Group)
- ***The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights*** by Russell Freedman (Clarion Books/Houghton Mifflin)
- ***Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*** by Gary D. Schmidt (Clarion Books/Houghton Mifflin)
- ***The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread*** by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Timothy Basil Ering, (Candlewick Press)
- ***Olive's Ocean*** by Kevin Henkes (Greenwillow Books)
- ***An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793*** by Jim Murphy (Clarion Books)
- ***Crispin: The Cross of Lead*** by Avi (Hyperion Books for Children)
- ***The House of the Scorpion*** by Nancy Farmer (Atheneum)
- ***Pictures of Hollis Woods*** by Patricia Reilly Giff (Random House/Wendy Lamb Books)
- ***Hoot*** by Carl Hiaasen (Knopf)
- ***A Corner of The Universe*** by Ann M. Martin (Scholastic)
- ***Surviving the Applewhites*** by Stephanie S. Tolan (HarperCollins)
- ***A Single Shard*** by Linda Sue Park (Clarion Books/Houghton Mifflin)
- ***Everything on a Waffle*** by Polly Horvath (Farrar Straus Giroux)
- ***Carver: A Life In Poems*** by Marilyn Nelson (Front Street)
- ***A Year Down Yonder*** by Richard Peck (Dial)
- ***Hope Was Here*** by Joan Bauer (G.P. Putnam's Sons)
- ***Because of Winn-Dixie*** by Kate DiCamillo (Candlewick Press)
- ***Joey Pigza Loses Control*** by Jack Gantos (Farrar, Straus, and Giroux)
- ***The Wanderer*** by Sharon Creech (Joanna Cotler Books/HarperCollins)
- ***Bud, Not Buddy*** by Christopher Paul Curtis (Delacorte)
- ***Getting Near to Baby*** by Audrey Coulombis (Putnam)
- ***Our Only May Amelia*** by Jennifer L. Holm (HarperCollins)
- ***26 Fairmount Avenue*** by Tomie dePaola (Putnam)
- ***Holes*** by Louis Sachar (Frances Foster)
- ***A Long Way from Chicago*** by Richard Peck (Dial)
- ***Out of the Dust*** by Karen Hesse (Scholastic)
- ***Ella Enchanted*** by Gail Carson Levine (HarperCollins)
- ***Lily's Crossing*** by Patricia Reilly Giff (Delacorte)
- ***Wringer*** by Jerry Spinelli (HarperCollins)
- ***The View from Saturday*** by **E.L. Konigsburg (Jean Karl/Atheneum)**
- ***A Girl Named Disaster*** by Nancy Farmer (Richard Jackson/Orchard Books)
- ***Moorchild*** by Eloise McGraw (Margaret McElderry/Simon & Schuster)
- ***The Thief*** by Megan Whalen Turner (Greenwillow/Morrow)
- ***Belle Prater's Boy*** by Ruth White (Farrar Straus Giroux)
- ***The Midwife's Apprentice*** by Karen Cushman (Clarion)
- ***What Jamie Saw*** by Carolyn Coman (Front Street)
- ***The Watsons Go to Birmingham: 1963*** by Christopher Paul Curtis (Delacorte)
- ***Yolonda's Genius*** by Carol Fenner (Margaret K. McElderry/Simon & Schuster)
- ***The Great Fire*** by Jim Murphy (Scholastic)
- ***Walk Two Moons*** by Sharon Creech (HarperCollins)

Possible Book Project Options (the options are limitless):

- Create a collage to represent the theme of the book.
- Design a book jacket.
- Create a game based on the book (card game, board games, word finds, crossword puzzles, computer games.)
- Draw a map of the book's setting or something related to the book.
- Create a mobile illustrating the story elements.
- Make a comic strip or accordion book to illustrate the sequence of events.
- Write a book review.
- Write a letter to the teacher or the author of the book.
- Create a poster to advertise the book.
- Write a simulated letter from one book character to another.
- Copy five "quotable quotes" from the book and list them on a poster.
- Write a poem related to the book.
- Write a timeline or lifeline related to the book.
- Write and illustrate a retelling of the book.
- Create a story collage.
- Create a dodecahedron.

**Section 2: Vocabulary**

Please define the following 6<sup>th</sup> grade vocabulary words. You will need to design a study tool that best suits your learning style (flashcards, vocabulary foldable, etc.) Study these words for a vocabulary test to be held the first week of school. Make sure you bring your study guide with you to turn in for a grade on the day of the vocabulary test.

Adhere	Factor	Paraphrase
Anticipate	Genre	Predict
Beneficial	Hazardous	Rigorous
Chronological	Idiom	Significant
Collaborate	Innovation	Transform
Designate	Literal	Unanimous
Diversity	Manipulate	Vital
Elaborate	Monotonous	
Equivalent	Optimist	