

Robert Frost Middle School
English Language Arts Department
Language Arts 6 Summer Reading Assignment 2016

This summer, students enrolled in English Language Arts 6 have the option of reading one of the suggested texts from the list below as well as completing the corresponding written assignment.

Students who choose to complete the summer assignment by **Wednesday September 21, 2016**, will be exempt from Quarter 1's Independent Reading Novel (IRN) Assignment. The grade he/she receives on the summer reading assignment will take the place of Quarter 1's IRN Project.

Choose ONE of the following works of literature to read:

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James Swanson

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen

Flying Solo by Ralph Fletcher

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

The Face on the Milk Carton by Caroline B. Cooney

The Chronicles of Narnia: the Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Complete the Corresponding Assignment: Choose ONE of the following options:

- You are dining at a Chinese restaurant with three characters from the novel you just read. On that particular night, the fortune cookies are amazingly appropriate. Tell what each fortune cookie said and why it was especially fitting to the character who received it by including three (3) or more specific examples from the text for each character.
- Think of what five (or more) gifts would be perfect to give to the main character. They can be tangible or intangible, but should be things that he/she would really want or could use. Explain why you chose each gift and how it fits your character (one paragraph minimum per gift).
- Write a character sketch for one of your characters. Write a character sketch describing your favorite character. Tell what the character is like (age, gender, physical description, etc.) and inside (personality), providing specific details from the story to support your response. Pay more attention to the internal qualities of your character. Include a drawing or photo of your character. The drawing is in addition to the written sketch. Include at least five (5) quotes and explanations that encapsulate your character.
- Write a script for a major news event from your story for a TV show. The script should reflect one of the major conflicts in your story. Include interviews with the characters involved in the events. Be sure to explain what happened, who was involved, where it took place, when it took place, and why it happened. How was the conflict resolved?

As you read the text, you may want to annotate the book with Post It Notes to help you mark details that will answer the questions.

All summer reading assignments MUST be submitted to his/her teacher no later than Wednesday, September 21, 2016.

Happy Reading!