

## Summer Reading

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: *City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: *The Name of the Game Was Murder* by Joan Lowery Nixon and  
*Theodore Boone Kid Lawyer* by John Grisham

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: *Letters from Rifka* by Karen Hesse and  
*Milkweed* by Jerry Spinelli

You are required to read the above books during the summer break. **In addition to reading, you must complete a project listed below for each book. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade MUST choose a different project for each book. Your projects are due the first day of school.** During the first weeks of school, we will be discussing the books in depth and completing activities based on the events of the stories. You will also be tested on each story.

1. **Time Capsule:** Put together items and descriptions that highlight the major components of the novel. You will use artifacts, letters by the characters and other items pertaining to the story. It will be opened 100 years from now. **You must include 15 items and have a note card for each item explaining it's significance to the story.**
2. **Scrapbook Memories:** Make a scrapbook for the main character of your book. Use pictures, mementos, letters, items that tell the story in detail. Put your scrapbook in chronological order with written captions noting the items and their importance. **You must have 15 pages and each page must have at least 3 facts.**
3. **T-Shirt:** Make a t-shirt about your book. Use your t-shirt to teach about your book. **Characters must be represented, the story's beginning, middle and end, stressing the plot, and setting must be brought to life on your t-shirt.**
4. **Trivia Game:** Create a game based on your book. Make a board, game pieces, questions, answer cards and rules. Use the characters, settings, problems and elements of the story to create your game. **Each game must have at least 20 questions.**
5. **ABC Book:** Create an ABC Book using every letter of the alphabet. Use the events, characters, settings and info to create each page. **Each letter of the alphabet must be represented. Each page must have a picture and at least 3 facts written in complete sentences for each letter.**
6. **Power Point Presentation:** Create a presentation using all elements of the novel. These include characters, setting, plot etc. **Presentation must have at least 15 slides with 3 facts on each, images and music and sound.**

Enjoy your summer reading! Miss Codori and Mrs. Smith