



SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS: RISING 6TH GRADE

1. Hoot by Carl Hiassen

- a. You are responsible for reading this novel. You may purchase a copy, download an e-book, or rent a copy from the library.
- b. You will be quizzed on this book when you return to school.
- c. We will review for the quiz in Literature class
- d. As you read the book, keep in mind the following topics:
 - i. The setting of the story
 - ii. The main characters: who they are, how they are connected, and how they change
 - iii. The theme of the story: what is the author trying to teach us?

2. Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

- a. You are responsible for reading this novel. You may purchase a copy, download an e-book, or rent a copy from the library.
- b. You will turn in a reading project for this book. It is due on the first day of school to your literature teacher.
- c. Please read the attached rubric.

NEWSPAPER: STARGIRL BY JERRY SPINELLI

DIRECTIONS: You will create a two-page newspaper from the town of Mica, Arizona that summarizes information from the novel *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli. This is due on the first day of school.

WHAT TO INCLUDE:

- A creative name for your newspaper and a publication date
- A headline and main story that covers one major event from the novel
 - Remember, headlines need to grab your reader's attention!
 - The main story needs to be at least 3 paragraphs long
- A human-interest story about one of the main characters
 - This needs to be 1 paragraph long & it should explain who they are
- Two colored pictures, you can draw them or use the computer
- 1 advertisement for a product of your choice
 - The townspeople of Mica, Arizona will be reading your newspaper. What things would they be interested in buying?
- This must be completed on two sheets of 8.5 X 11 paper. Your articles must be typed. Glue the pages to the inside of a manila file folder. Please put your name on the front cover.

GRADING

Name & Date	5
Headline & Main Story	15
Human Interest Story	10
2 Pictures with Labels	10
Advertisement	5
Neat, Colorful, Organized	5
TOTAL POINTS	50