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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to a fun and relaxing summer of reading! I look forward to diving into reading with all of our incoming sixth graders! Be sure to follow the attached activity and rubric for your selected novel. This is a mandatory assignment and will be the first recorded grade on the report card for 6th grade. It is due the first day of school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carol Grace

The Book Selection for Grade 6 is: *Number The Stars* by: Lois Lowry. A Brief description of the novel is as follows: *Number the Stars*. In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

Sixth Grade Reading Activity

Do's: ● Write your full name and room number on the assignment. ● Staple or fasten your project before you turn it in. ● Use project materials (do not turn in a blank paper or on just loose leaf written in pencil- must be presentable. Use construction paper or stock card paper, etc). ● Check your spelling and grammar. ● The assignment, typed or neatly written, should be assembled as follows: Page 1: Cover Page A. Book cover design: redesign the book cover as you perceive the story on blank 8x10 paper or construction paper. Make sure it is colorful! Body Pages: Essay Prompt A. Write a well-organized essay that identifies an overall

idea or theme (the message the author wants you to learn about life or a general life message) you believe the author conveys through the novel. Use evidence from the text to support your analysis. Guiding Questions 1. What important idea or theme does this literary work convey? 2. What do characters do that helps illustrate this idea? 3. What do characters say that helps to illustrate this idea? 4. What events take place in the work that help to illustrate this idea?

B. How to organize your writing:

- Introduction
 - o Introduce the book you read. Include the title (underlined or in italics) and the author. (Background information)
 - o Use 2-5 sentences to express your personal opinions on book subject
 - o State the theme you conclude from the book (thesis)

- Body

- o Write two to three paragraphs to explain how the author expresses the theme in his book. (Think of setting, symbols, imagery, characterization and your answers to guiding questions). Use text evidence

for support. Text evidence should be in quotes if taken directly from the text. Tell why your evidence is important and what it reveals about the characters.

- Conclusion
 - o Restate your theme and its importance.
 - o How has it affected you? (Has it confirmed or changed your opinions or thoughts?)