

# Super Summer Reading Assignment

## Optional Activity for Students Entering Eighth Grade

### Summer 2021

Taking a break from school doesn't mean taking a break from reading. Research shows there are many benefits for students who read during the summer. In light of this research and in recognition of the importance of independent reading, students **entering sixth grade** are invited to participate in this **optional** reading activity. Participants will get a special **treat** when they bring the letters to school in September. They will **also** have a chance to win a Super Summer Reading Challenge goody bag!

**DIRECTIONS:** Choose one fiction book AND one non-fiction book to read from the lists below. Then, write a four paragraph friendly letter **addressed to Mrs. Verrelli** for EACH book you read. You may type your two letters, but please **print** copies to give to me in September.

### ENTERING GRADE 8

#### Fiction:

- \**The Green Glass Sea* By Ellen Klages
- \**Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha` Lai
- \**Uprising* By Margaret Peterson Haddix

#### Non-Fiction:

- \**Bomb: The Race to Build--and Steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon* by Steve Sheinkin
- \**On the Horizon* by Lois Lowry
- \**Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March* by Linda Blackmon Lowery

### REMEMBER:

\*The first paragraph should include the book's title, author, illustrator, publisher and copyright date. It should also tell the genre of the book such as historical fiction, fantasy, adventure, mystery, realistic fiction, science fiction or non-fiction. Try to include interesting adjectives to describe the book in this paragraph.

#### The body paragraphs of your \*FICTION BOOK\*

The second paragraph should tell the setting of the story and who the main characters are in the book. Also explain here the main problem the characters have to deal with in the story.

The third paragraph should explain how they solve this problem. Be sure to include important details here. \*You can add more paragraphs after this if you feel it is necessary.\*

#### The body paragraphs about your \*NON-FICTION BOOK\*

The second paragraph should tell who the book is mainly about and what year the main event in the book takes place.

The third paragraph should give more specific information about the problems/solutions faced by main person or people in the book.

\*You can add more paragraphs after this if you feel it is necessary.\*

\*The last paragraph explains your opinion of the book. Start by telling how you would rate the book. Explain why you gave it that rating. You can also briefly talk about what *lesson* you learned from reading the book. Finally, tell what kind of person would enjoy reading this book.