

Welcome to 6th grade ELA/Lit!!!

Although we are just about to start the summer, 6th grade ELA/Lit is not that far away! We will be building on the skills and wonderful work that you completed this year with Mrs. Indrieri. Please see the 2 novels that you must read and the assignments that accompany each. Each novel has over 250 pages--so do not leave reading them too late into the summer. This assignment will be collected on the first day of school in September. It will be the first chance I get to see your work, so please do your best to make an excellent first impression. I am really looking forward to getting to know you in the 6th grade. Enjoy a wonderful, fun, safe summer!

Book 1: *Out of My Mind*, by Sharon M. Draper

Book 2: *Pax*, by Sara Pennypacker

1. For both novels, create a chart detailing the *Elements of Plot*:

(One chart for *Out of My Mind*, and one chart for *Pax*)

Exposition, Rising Action, Climax, Falling Action, Resolution.

Use details from the story to make your charts thorough. A sample chart is on the next page. You create your own for each novel.

2. After completing the *Elements of Plot* chart, choose one of the following exercises to complete. In your handwriting (not typed,) complete one exercise per book.
 - a. Rewrite the ending of the story. This should be at least 1 page in length--a front of looseleaf or longer.
 - b. Write a letter to one of the characters of the story explaining how you feel about his/her actions. You may agree or disagree with the way a character behaved, thought or felt. Explain how you feel about the event and why. (1 page)
 - c. Choose an event from the story. Write a newspaper article about the event you chose. Remember to include who, what, where, when, why, and how. Write in the voice of a reporter. (1 Page)

*****Be creative--have fun--and above all enjoy reading!*****

