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## Welcome Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Required Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Assignments

All assignments are due on or before the first day of school, Monday, August 27

#### Social Studies Assignment

Send the class a postcard from some place you visit this summer. Send it to me at Blessed Sacrament School, 1417 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22302. Tell us what you saw or learned. I would like this to arrive at BSS by Thursday, August 24. (Note: This is required, not optional, first grade of the year!!)

#### Literature Assignment

1. ***Where the Red Fern Grows*** by Wilson Rawls

*Think* about what you're reading while you're reading it. To help you do this, write a one- to three-sentence plot summary at the end of **each** chapter. What were the key plot developments in that chapter? You may write all your summaries on a piece of paper, typed on a computer, or on sticky notes that you put in the book. If you use sticky notes, tape the sticky notes to a piece of paper after you finish reading the book and turn that in at the beginning of school.





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2. ***The Odyssey*** by Gillian Cross OR ***Tales from the Odyssey (Part 1(Book 1, 2 and 3) and Part 2 (Book 4, 5 and 6))*** by Mary Pope Osborne (ONLY read one of these two translations!)  
Select a memorable character (monster, perhaps?!) and make a mask of that character. The mask can be made out of heavy construction paper, but be sure your mask “captures” the character. On the back of the mask, list the character traits for the character you chose. For character traits, choose traits that really tell me something about the character; “nice,” “cool,” “awesome,” and “amazing,” for example, do not actually give me information about the character. Your classmates will try to “guess” who your mask represents when school begins!
  
3. Books are often “windows” into another way of living or “mirrors” that help us learn more about ourselves. Read one of the following books, then choose a character that is a “mirror” or a “window” for you. How are you like this character? How are you different? Did reading about this character help you learn something about yourself or other people? Write an **outline** where you compare and contrast yourself to the character you chose and answer the questions above. Your outline can be in a traditional format or a bubble map.  
***Wonder*** by R.J. Palacio  
***Countdown*** by Deborah Wiles  
***Smile*** by Reina Telgemeier (graphic novel)  
***Wringer*** by Jerry Spinelli  
***Ungifted*** by Gordon Korman  
***It Ain't So Awful, Falafel*** by Firoozeh Dumas  
***Roller Girl*** by Victoria Jamieson (graphic novel)  
***Esperanza Rising*** by Pam Munez Ryan  
***Refugee*** by Alan Gratz (Battle of the Books book)



## Summer IXL Math Practice:

**This assignment is due on the first day of school, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

Your summer math assignment is to complete the following skills on the 5<sup>th</sup> grade level on <https://www.ixl.com/signin/blesseds> (you can access the website on any computer or you can download an app for your Apple/Android device). The lessons selected are based on the results from the Performance Series Assessment as well as the End of 5<sup>th</sup> grade math placement test. You must achieve a Smart Score of at least 80 on all skills.

- A.9 Understanding Integers
- A.11 Put Integers in Order
- EE.14 Surface Area
- F.2 Prime Factorization
- G.12 Convert Fractions to Decimals
- I.8 Multiply 2 Decimals
- K.9 Compare Fractions Using Benchmarks
- L.5 Add and Subtract Mixed Numbers with Like Denominators
- L.8 Add Fractions with Unlike Denominators
- L.10 Subtract Fractions with Unlike Denominators
- N.1 Divide Unit Fractions by Whole Numbers
- N.9 Divide 2 Fractions
- O.4 Evaluate Numerical Expressions
- U.2 Graph Points on a Coordinate Plane
- U.5 Objects on a Coordinate Plane
- U.6 Quadrants
- V.5 Solve Equations with Whole Numbers
- W. 2 Interpret Line Graphs
- W.4 Interpret Bar Graphs
- W.13 Frequency Charts

If you are unable to access a computer over the summer or would prefer to not do computer based summer math work, don't worry! You may complete the summer math book instead. Please select the Grade 5 Summer Math Book. The link below will bring to the math book order website:

<http://www.summerskills.com/books/summer-math-skills-sharpener-1>

Enjoy your summer and keep your math skills fresh! Good Luck in Middle School!

Mrs. Morris