



**Lakehurst Elementary School
Summer Reading Requirement 2019**

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

This summer, all students entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grade will be given a summer reading assignment. The assignment is expected to be completed by all students registered as of July 31, 2019. At Lakehurst Elementary School, we believe that strong reading skills are the foundation for a successful education. We want to encourage our students to develop and strengthen reading habits over the summer in preparation for the upcoming school year. Most importantly, we want students to discover that reading is an enjoyable pastime!

Expectations:

- **BOOKS (Property of Lakehurst Elementary School) WERE PROVIDED TO STUDENTS PRIOR TO THE END OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR. *Students: You are responsible to sign out the book and return it in September. Parents/Guardians: Please be sure to remind your child to keep it in a safe place.***
- **Students will be expected to complete a typed assignment (instructions to follow).**
- **Students should be prepared to discuss the book.**
- **Assignments should be typed and submitted to the student's ELA teacher by Wednesday, September 11, 2019. This assignment will be reviewed by the student's teacher and will count towards the first marking period.**

Additional Information:

- **The assignment instructions will be provided to students when they pick up their books at the end of the year and a copy will also be posted on the school website.**
- **There are computers available for free use this summer at the local libraries.**
- **Don't wait until the last minute to start this assignment. Get a head start and enjoy your book!**



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General Requirements:

- ❖ Student's name, author and book title
- ❖ Students are required to write 6-8 complete sentences for each response using the RACER formula.
 - R - Restate the question
 - A - Answer the question
 - C - Cite evidence from the text, including a quote and a page number.
 - E - Explain how your evidence supports your answer.
 - R - Restate the question again.
- ❖ This assignment must be typed and printed in 12 pt., Times New Roman, black font.

Your Assignment:

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. Defend all of your answers using specific quotes from the text and thoroughly explain your answer.

- 1) Choose a character that goes through a change in the story. What causes the character to change? Explain the way the character behaved at the beginning and how the personality or behavior was different by the end.
- 2) What is the author's message (theme) in this story? Explain where this message is presented in the text through interactions between characters or decisions that characters make.
- 3) Choose three words from the story that you did not understand. Define the words and then explain how knowing each of the meanings helps you to better understand the story.
- 4) Choose any chapter of the book. Explain how the chapter you chose contributes to the development of the plot. How does it move the story forward?
- 5) What point of view is the story told from? What information do readers gain from this point of view? What information do we miss out on?