

## Highland Oaks Middle School Summer Assignments 2024

Completing a summer assignment provides you with an opportunity to enhance your academic skills and enjoy a book we have selected to prepare you for the year ahead.

### Summer Reading Assignment

You are required to read **one** of the Sunshine State Young Reader Award Books listed on the back of this page and complete the corresponding assignment.

Your Reading assignment should be typed, double-spaced, and use 12 size font – Times New Roman or Arial. Students who are unable to type their assignments may hand-write their work. Please be sure all work is neat and presentable as this is your **first graded assignment for the new school year** in your English Language Arts class. Your new language arts teacher will provide you with a due date.

### Incoming 6th Grade – Reading Assignment

Write a one-page letter to the author. Emphasize the parts of the book you liked best, one part you would change, and name your favorite character. Tell exactly why you found the character likeable or believable. Include the title of the novel you selected.

### Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Reading Assignment

Write a one-page biography of one character. Use any, and all information given by the author throughout the book. Write the facts about the character in chronological order, even if they weren't presented that way during the story.

### Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- ELA Assignment

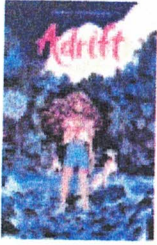
Write a well-constructed five-paragraph essay responding to the following prompt. Identify the book and author in the first paragraph.

**Prompt:** Often in works of literature, something positive can emerge from a difficult situation. In a well-developed essay, describe a situation in the novel in which something positive emerged from a difficult situation and explain how something positive emerged.



## Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books 2024-2025 List for Grade 6

select 1



**Adrift** by Tanya Guerrero

Ever since her father was lost at sea, Sophia has been moping around Aqualand, the marine theme park her dad and uncle created. But Sophia's world is turned upside down when an "aquanaut" breaks into the park's research lab.

To her amazement, Sophia discovers that the aquanaut is not what it seems -- inside lives a band of four goofy sea creatures! And when they all realize that Aqualand has evolved into something much darker than Sophia's dad had envisioned, Sophia is determined to help the aquanaut crew free the park's captive marine life before it's too late.

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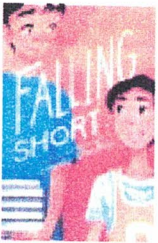


**Fake: A thrillingly paced, timely novel about identity and our digital lives** by Ele Fountain

Imagine a world where your only friends are virtual, and big tech companies control access to food, healthcare and leisure. This is Jess's world. But when she turns fourteen, Jess can go to school with other children for the first time. Most of them hate the 'real' world, but Jess begins to question whether the digital world is 'perfect' after all. Back home, her sister Chloe's life-saving medication is getting ever more expensive. Determined to help, Jess risks everything by using skills forbidden in the cyber-world, only to stumble on something explosive. Something that will turn her whole world upside down.

It's up to Jess to figure out exactly what is real, and what is fake - Chloe's survival depends on it.

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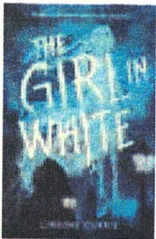


**Falling Short** by Ernesto Cisneros

Isaac and Marco already know sixth grade is going to change their lives. But it won't change things at home—not without each other's help. This year, star basketball player Isaac plans on finally keeping up with his schoolwork. Better grades will surely stop Isaac's parents from arguing all the time. Meanwhile, straight-A Marco vows on finally winning his father's approval by earning a spot on the school's basketball team.

But will their friendship and support for each other be enough to keep the two boys from falling short?

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**Girl in White** by Lindsay Currie

Mallory hasn't quite adapted to life in her new town of Eastport yet. Maybe it's because everyone is obsessed with keeping the town's reputation as the most cursed town in the US. And thanks to the nightmares she's had since arriving, Mallory hardly sleeps. Combined with the unsettling sensation of being watched, she's quickly becoming convinced there's more to her town. Something darker.

When Mallory has a terrifying encounter with the same old woman from her dreams, she knows she has to do something—but what? With Eastport gearing up to celebrate the anniversary of their first recorded legend Mallory is forced to investigate the one legend she's always secretly been afraid of.

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**Hear Me** by Kerry O'Malley Cerra

It's been a year since her diagnosis, and Rayne's hearing continues to decline, even with aids. It's a struggle to maintain friendships and keep up in school, surfing is now a wipeout, and she can't understand her favorite singer's lyrics. But worst of all, Rayne's parents are pushing for her to get cochlear implants, a surgery Rayne's not convinced is worth the risks and challenges. Rayne begs her parents to consider other options, but they're not budging. With the surgery looming, Rayne sets off on a bus journey that forces her to face her own assumptions about what her hearing loss means and what kind of life she could have. With the help of some new friends, Rayne realizes that even though her ears may be broken, she is not.

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Please look for the mathematical definition for each word. Please write the definition, then an example of the word in math problem format.

Vocabulary Word	Definition	Example
Absolute Value	A number's distance from 0 on a number line in positive value	$ 3  = 3$
Additive Identity Property		
Additive Inverse Property		
Addition Property of Equality		
Addition Property of Inequality		
Area		
Associative Property		
Box Plot		
Circumference		
Coefficient		
Commutative Property		
Complementary Angles		
Composite Number		
Congruent		
Constant of Proportionality		
Coordinate Plane		
Coordinate		
Diameter		
Dilation		
Distributive Property		
Divisor		
Dividend		
Exponent (Exponential Form)		
Factors		
Frequency Table		

Function Notation		
Greatest common factor (GCF)		
Hypotenuse		
Identity Property of Addition		
Identity Property of Multiplication		
Integers		
Interquartile Range (IQR)		
Irrational Number		
Least Common Multiple (LCM)		
Line Plot		
Measures of Center		
Mean		
Median		
Mode		
Order of Operations		
Origin		
Outlier		
Percent of Change		
Pi		
Prime Number		
Product		
Quadrant		
Radius		
Range (of a data set)		
Rational Number		
Slope		
Stem-and-Leaf Plot		
Translation		