



Dear Future 6th Grader,

You are required to read the following books over the summer and complete the attached activities by the due date. The two books are *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli and *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger. The due date for the *Maniac Magee* assignment is Friday, September 6. The due date for *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* assignment is Tuesday, September 10.

I look forward to teaching you this coming year and seeing the results of your summer work. Please have your parent or guardian email me if you have any questions about the activities.

Sincerely,

Ms. McLaughlin
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Name _____

Due Date – Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Reading Project

Assignment: Decorate a shoebox or another similarly sized box and fill it with objects that represent *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda*. In September, you will present your project to the class.

Decorate the outside of the box with pictures (magazines, internet, hand drawings) and words (the title of the book, author's name, characters' names, etc.) that represent the book. Make sure that your name is on the outside of the box.

Place five objects representing characters, settings, problems, and/or events from the book in the box. Attach an index card to each item explaining how the object is related to the book. Make sure to use complete sentences when doing this.

Tip: As you read the book, make a list of potential objects that you may want to use for the project.

Reading Rubric

4 – Outstanding 3- Satisfactory 2 – Needs Improvement 1- Unsatisfactory

_____ Five relevant objects representing characters, settings, problems, and/or events from the book are in the box.

_____ Each object has an index card attached to it clearly explaining how the object is related to the book. Complete sentences are used, and there are no distracting grammar or spelling errors.

_____ The student follows the directions for decorating the outside of the box. The decorations on the shoebox are neat, creative, and show that care was taken with the work. No distracting grammar or spelling errors are present.

Oral Presentation

All students will present their projects to the class in September. I will give the rubric for that part of the project in September after I review the proper way to make a presentation to the entire class.

Name _____

Due Date 9/6/19

Reading/Writing Performance Assessment

Make a Venn Diagram (or another organizer) showing similarities and differences of two characters from *Maniac Magee*. Then write a two-paragraph essay comparing and contrasting the characters. The first paragraph will compare the characters while the second will contrast.

Please type this assignment, if possible.

Reading Score

100 – Selection of similarities and differences demonstrates an excellent knowledge and insight (explores characters' feelings, motivations, personalities, etc. – goes beyond the superficial).

85 – Selection of similarities and differences demonstrates a good knowledge.

70 – Selection of similarities and differences demonstrates a basic knowledge.

60 – Selection of similarities and differences demonstrates very limited or no knowledge.

Writing Rubric

	4	3	2	1
Student remains on topic and moves smoothly from one idea to another; paragraphs are organized according to the directions	Outstanding	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
Sentences (use grade appropriate complete sentences; no fragments or run-ons)	Outstanding	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
Capitalization, punctuation, and spelling are correct	Outstanding	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
Prewriting – Venn Diagram (or other organizer) is neat and accurately completed to show similarities and differences	Outstanding	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory