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Dear SIXTH Grader,

Welcome to the Sixth Grade at the Harrisburg Academy! The summer reading has been selected to be enjoyable, informative, creative, and challenging. It is my suggestion that you **NOT** let these assignments go until the end of the summer to complete. This should be a pleasant assignment for summer reading, so don't delay! In this way you will have plenty of time for additional pleasure reading. **Keep track, with title and author, of all** other books you read over the summer. As a leisure starting point, I am attaching a list of titles generated by your peers, which they have enjoyed.

The books selected for the assigned summer reading are:

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle ~Avi

Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps ~Warren

Your writing assignments are as follows:

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle:

Select a main character in the story and discuss, in a well written paragraph, his/her importance to the book.

You might want to consider the following:

How does that character contribute to the plot? Does he or she add to the complications in the plot? If so, in what way? What do you think the book would be like without this character? How would the plot be different without this character?

(Paragraph should include: Topic sentence/Theme; Detail/Multiple Supporting Sentences, at least three; Conclusion. Be specific.)

Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps :

1. Write a ONE paragraph OPINION of the book (Total: 5-7 sentences **ONLY**. Choose your words/sentences carefully!) This should NOT be a summary, but your OPINION of the book. Certainly, support your opinions using the book. Include the title and author.

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2. Answer the following questions using a well-written, complete sentence.
- a. Specifically, what was the secret of getting the potato?
 - b. What was Jack's key/secret to surviving the camps?
 - c. Who was Aaron and what tips for survival did Aaron share with Jack?
 - d. Who were the kapos and what was their function?
 - e. Why would someone become a kapos?

Other:

Keep a list, title and author, of all other books you read this summer.

~ALL WORK IS DUE THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS~

Suggested Reading for Students Entering Grade 6

Crispin: The Cross of Lead, by Avi
Peter and the Starcatchers, by Dave Barry
Daring Book for Girls, by Andrea J. Buchanan
Walk Two Moons, by Sharon Creech
Elijah of Buxton, by Christopher Paul Curtis
The Fire Within, by Chris D'lacey
House of Scorpion, by Nancy Farmer
Sea of Trolls, by Nancy Farmer
Inkheart, by Cornelia Funke
Pennies From Heaven, by Jennifer Holm
Point Blank (Alex Rider Series), by Anthony Horowitz
Warrior, by Erin Hunter
Daring Book for Boys, by Conn Iggulden
The Redwall Series, by Brian Jacques
Swindle, by Gordon Korman
Wander, by Susan Hart Lindquist
Sixth Grade, by Susie Morgenstern
The Higher Power of Lucky, by Susan Patron
The Angel Experiment-Maximum Ride, by James Patterson
Steel Trapp, by Ridley Pearson
The Lightening Thief, by Rich Riodan
Magyk, by Angie Sage & Mark Zug
Love, Star Girl, by Jerry Spinelli
Manic Mcgee, by Jerry Spinelli
Star Girl, by Jerry Spinelli
Wringer, by Jerry Spinelli
The Overlord Protocol (H.I.V.E.), by Mark Walden
So B. It, by Sarah Weeks

Dear America Series

This I Believe