

Dear Sixth Grade Student,

Your Summer Reading book will be, *Some Kind of Courage* by Dan Gemeinhart. In addition to a quiz after school starts, you will need to complete the following assignment.

Assignment: “ Book in a”

Due Date: Monday, August 21 (the first MONDAY of school)

After reading *Some Kind of Courage*, you should select a book report container. The container could be a plastic bag, an envelope, a can, a shoebox, an oatmeal box or anything else that might be appropriate for the book. Decorate your container to represent some major details, elements or theme of the book.

Next, begin working on the contents for your container. Include the following:

Questions: Write 10 questions, on notecards, based on the book. Five of the questions can be about general content, but the other 5 must require more thinking. (Ex: Why do you think Joseph wanted so badly to find Sarah?)

Vocabulary: Create a 10-word glossary of unfamiliar words from the book. Write the word and definition.

Things: Include 5 items that have a connection to your story.

The third and final part of this project will be the student presentation. You will present your “ Book in a” project to the class. In the presentation, you will need to explain the connection of the container to the book and explain the 5 items in your container.

This project will count as a test grade. Please be neat and creative! Work hard on this and show me what you can do!

I look forward to meeting each of you and I am looking forward to a wonderful year together. Enjoy the rest of your summer☺

Mrs. Flanagan

Summer Reading Assignment Rubric

The following is the rubric I use to evaluate the summer reading assignment.

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Points</u> |
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| Container (decorated to represent some of the major details, element or theme from the book) | 50 _____ |
| Questions (comprehension questions on note cards) | 15 _____ |
| Vocabulary (10-word glossary) | 15 _____ |
| Items (5 items that have a connection to the story) | 10 _____ |
| Presentation | 10 _____ |