

6th Grade Summer Enrichment Activities 2018-2019

Welcome to Dodson Middle School! As you begin your middle school journey, you have been charged with the ultimate task: to become a self-sufficient scholar who carefully perseveres through difficulty.

Now, this is no small task. It takes concentration, organization, and above all motivation over long periods of time. But We, the Sixth Grade Teachers of English Language Arts, believe you have got the right stuff to make it happen.

So, here's a Summer Enrichment Activity to keep your minds focused, sharp, and ready to tackle this ultimate goal in the coming school year.

Step One: It is required you read Rick Riordan's *The Kane Chronicles, Book 1: The Red Pyramid*. It is available in the library, at bookstores, and online. (Maybe you've read it already? Great! Read it again.)

Don't wait until the last minute to read this 544-page novel. *How are you going to achieve the ultimate goal if you wait until August to start?* It is not required that you take notes or track the number of minutes you read each day. Instead, enjoy reading this excellent book! (It happens to be the first book of a whole series. If you really like it, feel free to move onto the rest of the series. (Although, this is also not required.)

Step Two: After you have read, choose *one* of the following activities to demonstrate your understanding of the book, its characters, and its events. **This task will be due three weeks after the beginning of school on September 4, 2018.**

WRITE A SONG

Compose a song with verses and a chorus that addresses change, conflict, or patterns between two characters. Dive deeply into the personal relationship between these two characters by using language and dialogue specific to each.

DRAW A MAP

Illustrate a map of the locations in the book. Be sure to include the ways the characters arrived at each place, the events that took place there, and the geographic details that make each setting unique. Consider tracking the travel of different characters by utilizing a variety of symbols in the map's legend.

BUILD A DIORAMA

Construct a shoebox diorama depicting the characters or events of the book. Be descriptive in your construction by applying very specific details that visually depict the book's relationships, conflicts, and themes.

CREATE A DIARY

Choose one character for whom you will create a journal that tracks his or her experiences. Write entries in first person, which depict the character's change over time, his or her ethical perspectives, and unanswered questions that may have arisen.



Step Three: Create a free TenMarks (<https://www.tenmarks.com/login>) and/or Khan Academy (<https://www.khanacademy.org>) account then complete 5th grade common core standards and preview 6th grade common core standards.