

Miles River Middle School

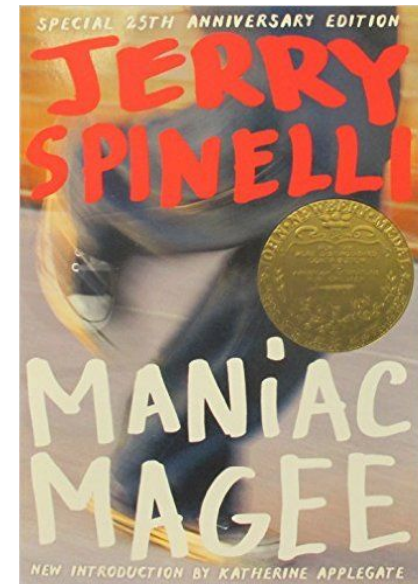
Grade 6 Summer Reading 2018

Greetings Sixth Grader!

By continuing to read during the summer, you will be able to “meet” various characters, learn from their experiences, make connections to your own life, and/or imagine a life unlike your own.

1. In preparation for sixth-grade English language arts class, **all students must read *Maniac Magee*** by Jerry Spinelli so we will have books that we can discuss together. This common reading will also provide a focal point for beginning-of-the-year activities as we begin to know each other. Please print and take a few notes on *Maniac Magee* on the template provided.
2. Students will then **choose a second novel** from the list below. Similarly, you are encouraged to take a few notes on your chosen books on the template provided.

Crash by Jerry Spinelli
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Ghost by Jason Reynolds
Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life by James Patterson
Pax by Sara Pennypacker
Pictures of Hollis Wood by Patricia Reilly Giff
Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings
Serafina and the Black Cloak by Robert Beatty
Small as an Elephant by Jennifer Jacobson
Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper
Tangerine by Edward Bloor
The Friendship Experiment by Erin Teagan
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
Wishtree by Katherine Applegate
Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk



Print and complete. Your teacher will tell you when to bring this to class. You do not need it on the first day!

Your Name _____

Character Notes for *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

In the first column, list two different adjective words that describe your main character's personality. In the second column, write specific examples from the book that made you think of this trait. You should record page numbers for each of your details in the parentheses. You will be able to use these notes on your first writing assignment.

Name of Protagonist/Main Character: **Jeffrey "Maniac" Magee**

Trait (determined, generous, etc.)	Examples from Text
Trait One: _____	()
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	()
Trait Two: _____	()
	()
	()

Your Name _____

Character Notes

Book Title Free Choice from list: _____

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100 TRAITS!

Your main character may be brave or nice, but is there a more descriptive adjective you could use? Look through the list below to find strong character trait words. Pick only words that you are familiar with!

ambitious	cowardly	greedy	obedient	sly
anxious	critical	helpful	obnoxious	sneaky
argumentative	cruel	humble	observant	stingy
arrogant	daring	ill-tempered	optimistic	straightforward
athletic	dependable	imaginative	organized	strict
boastful	determined	immature	outgoing	stubborn
bossy	dishonest	impulsive	persistent	studious
calm	disloyal	independent	pessimistic	thoughtless
cautious	disorganized	inefficient	proud	thoughtful
charismatic	dramatic	insecure	reasonable	timid
cold-hearted	easygoing	intelligent	reliable	trustworthy
compassionate	efficient	jovial	resourceful	vain
competitive	fair	lazy	responsible	vengeful
conceited	faithful	lethargic	secretive	warmhearted
confident	forgiving	mature	secure	weak
considerate	forthright	messy	sensitive	wise
cooperative	generous	meticulous	shy	witty
courageous	gentle	modest	sincere	zealous