

May 31, 2018

Welcome, Incoming Sixth Graders!

I look forward to seeing all of you this fall. For your summer reading, you are required to read *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*, by Avi.

Attached to this letter is the assignment you will do for the book. Please type the assignment or write neatly in pencil. If you type, please print the document on paper.

You are also required to read two books from the Dana Hall Summer Reading List, a booklet that was mailed to your parents. You can see the booklist online at the library website at the address below. You will choose the two books you want to read, and then do a short assignment for each. You can see the assignment at the end of this document.

Please be sure that all of these assignments are finished before the start of school. When I see you, I'll tell you which day to bring them in. In the meantime, have a fun and restful summer, and I'll see you in the fall.

Best wishes,
Mr. D'Ambrosio

Visit the Dana Hall library website to view the summer reading list online:

<http://library.danahall.org/reading-lists/summer-reading/>

Assignment for *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*:

Write in complete sentences. Write neatly in pencil or type your work. If you type your work, please print it on paper. An adult can help you with a dictionary when you define words from the book.

1. Name a character trait of Charlotte's that we can admire. Give an example of a time when Charlotte showed this trait.

Note: A trait is a word that describes a character's personality. For example, the words "kind" and "determined." A trait is a permanent part of the character, and it shows up often in his or her behavior. It's not a temporary feeling, like "worried."

2. Name a character trait of Zachariah's that we can admire. Give an example of a time when he showed this trait.

3. Write a definition for these words as they were used in Chapters Nine and Ten: **stowaway** and **mutiny**. Explain who the stowaway was, the mutiny that was planned, and how the mutiny was spoiled.

4. Describe two things that made Charlotte look guilty in Chapter 15.

5. Write a definition for the word **trellis** as it was used in Chapter 22. How did a trellis help Charlotte?

6. At the end of the book, what was Charlotte's plan for her future? Was it a good choice for her? Why do you feel this way? How do you think it will affect her relationship with her family?

Assignment for the two books you chose to read this summer:

1. What was the genre of each book? Realistic fiction? Fantasy? Historical fiction? Science fiction? Biography? Mystery? Or would you combine two of the words to describe your book?

2. Write a short summary of each book in complete sentences, in two paragraphs or so. Explain what the book was about. Include the names of the main characters and how they were part of the story. Try to end the summary at a **cliffhanger** near the end of the book! The cliffhanger will make it more fun to share the summary with your classmates in the fall.