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Happy Summer Upper Academy Students!

The summer reading and activities are listed below and must be completed before the school year begins. This assignment is due the first week back to school AND will be graded in English Language Arts. Here at DRE K-8, we have high expectations for our students' literacy development.

First, choose **TWO** books (according to your new grade level) for your summer reading project from the choices listed below. All of these books are available at the public library, Amazon, and/or Barnes and Noble.

GRADE 6

1. *Crossover* by Kwame Alexander
2. *Mananaland* by Pam Munoz Ryan
3. *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate Dicamillo
4. *Ground Zero* by Alan Gratz
5. *The Button War: A Tale of the Great War* by Avi

GRADE 7

1. *Booked* by Kwame Alexander
2. *Holes* by Louis Sachar
3. *Out of My Heart* by Sharon M. Draper
4. *Banjo* by Graham Salisbury
5. *Grenade* by Alan Gratz

GRADE 8

1. *Loyalty* by Avi
2. *24 Hours in Nowhere* by Dusti Bowling
3. *AfterMath* by Emily Barth Isler
4. *Billion Dollar Girl* by Megan Shull
5. *Becoming Muhammad Ali* by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander

INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

Next, choose **ONE** activity for **EACH** book to complete after reading. You will read and complete **TWO** activities in total.

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LIST OF ACTIVITIES

- Visit the author's official website, if available. Write a letter to the author of your chosen novel. Explain what you liked and/or disliked, ask questions about the story/characters, explain what you would have changed if you were the author, and mention at least one thing you will always remember about this novel and why. (*should be written in letter format)

- Create a poster detailing the plot of your novel. Include descriptions of the events in the exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution. Write a statement of the main theme with quotes from the novel for support. (Colorful, creative, detailed)

- Use i-Movie or another video platform to create a book trailer advertising your book so someone else will want to read it. Focus on the main characters and pivotal events from the novel.

- Write a poem or song lyrics that connect to your novel. Focus on the plot, characters, and/or personal connections you have with the novel. (*30 lines or longer)

- Create a TOP Ten List in which you write and illustrate events or ideas you learned from the book.