

## Summer Reading Writing Assignment

### For Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

Directions: Students are required to read two books over the summer and complete a book review. **Students are assigned one book and must choose another book from the book of choice list.** Please follow the guidelines below for writing the book review. Both book reviews **are due on the first day of the school year. Each review (2 total) will be counted as a test grade.** The teacher will grade for content, completion of the instructions outlined below, and grammar/spelling. Please type or neatly write in cursive your book reviews so that they can be easily read.

#### Required Book:

*Captains Courageous* by Rudyard Kipling

#### Book of Choice:

*Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson

*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

*Far North* by Will Hobbs

*Holes* by Louis Sachar

#### Writing Project: Book Review

Directions: You need to write a book review for each of the books you read. Follow the directions below. Each paragraph should be 7-10 sentences.

**Summary Paragraph:** Include the following

- Title and author of the book
- Setting (time and place)
- Characters (main characters; who is the main character; who is the villain)
- Main Events (5-8 main events in the story)
- Turning Point (What event changed the course of the story?)
- Resolution (How did the story end?)

**Evaluation Paragraph:** Include the following

- What did you like about the story or characters?
- What did you **not** like about the story or characters?
- What would you change in the story to make it better? Why?
- Did this book mention God or Christianity in any way? If so, how did the author portray God or Christianity? (positively or negatively)
- Would you recommend this book to someone else? Why?