



## Palm Pointe’s Middle School Summer Reading Challenge!

Dear Families,

Reading over the summer really does make a difference! **All students moving up to 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades will be required to read 1 book with a Lexile level no less than 600 over the summer.** This will be taken as a grade during the 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks of the year. **We are thrilled to also let you know how your student can earn an ice cream social for reading a second book.** Read below for details on our Summer Reading Challenge.

### Expectations for all students:

- 1) Read a book of your choice that has a Lexile level of 600 or higher.
- 2) Complete the attached graphic organizer that will be turned into your teacher no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) You will receive a grade for your completed graphic organizer that will count as a classwork grade for the first nine weeks. Failure to read a book and complete a graphic organizer will result in a failing classwork grade.

### Expectations for students wanting to join in on the Ice Cream Social Hour:

- 1) Complete the above assignment, but it must be turned in by Friday, 8/18/17.
- 2) In addition, select a Sunshine State Reader book from the attached list and complete a second graphic organizer to be turned in by Friday, 8/18/17
- 3) If you complete this second book and graphic organizer you will be invited to come to an Ice Cream Social Hour, in the fall, where you can visit with friends, listen to music, and participate in some afternoon fun.
- 4) We are hoping to have another gamification project based off of the book, Terror at Bottle Creek by Watt Key, so it might be a good idea to select this as your Sunshine State Reader book choice.

Sunshine State Reader Books, Grades 6-8 (Regardless of Lexile, any book from this list is acceptable)

Courage for Beginners by: Karen Harrington (860 L)

The Nerdy Dozen by: Jeff Miller (840 L)

Moving Target by: Christina Diaz Gonzalez (610 L)

The Nest by: Kenneth Oppel (640 L)

The Girl in the Well is Me by: Karen Rivers (780 L)

Omega City by: Diana Peterfreund (700 L)

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by: Kelly Barnhill (640 L)

Randoms by: David Liss (840 L)

How to (Almost) Ruin Your Summer by: Taryn Souders (740 L)

Shadows of Sherwood by: Kekla Magoon (650 L)

It Ain’t So Awful, Falafel by: Firoozeh Dumas (730 L)

**\*Terror at Bottle Creek by: Watt Key (650 L)**

The Mark of the Dragonfly by: Jaleigh Johnson (820 L)

Framed! by James Ponti (680 L)

Students can go to [lexile.com](http://lexile.com) to check the Lexile level of the book they are reading. The average range for a rising 6th grader is 800- 900, rising 7<sup>th</sup> grader is 900 - 1000, and rising 8<sup>th</sup> grader is 1000-1100 .





Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Genre: \_\_\_\_\_

Lexile (www.lexile.com) \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATIONAL/NON-FICTION

Complete each section of this graphic organizer to the best of your ability. Use evidence from the text you read to support your response. If you need extra space for any of your responses, use additional notebook paper.

# Text Elements

### Summarize

### Main Idea & Key Details

### Text Structure

Who:

*What is the main idea of the text?*

*What is the main structure of the text you read? How do you know (evidence)?*

What:

*What are 2 key details from the text that support the main idea?*

Where:

When:

Why:

**Vocabulary:** Choose 3 interesting words related to the topic of the text and complete the table.

	Use the word correctly in a sentence of your own making.	Synonym	Antonym
1.			
2.			
3.			