



Dallas Independent School District  
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### J.L. Long Incoming 6th Grade Language and Literature Summer Reading

Welcome readers and writers to 6<sup>th</sup> grade Language and Literature! We look forward to working with you during the next school year. As part of this course, students will read a fictional novel over the summer and write a reflective journal.

Reading over the summer helps keep the students' minds "in the game," and it adds to the number of major literary works the students will have read by the time they reach high school. Studies show that **students who do not read over the summer lose two whole months of knowledge. That means if you never read in the summer, you could be up to two years behind in school.** To help you stay ahead and be successful, we are providing you with a simple summer reading assignment.

#### Steps to success:

1. Choose **ONE** of the two book choices below.
2. The books will be available at your local library or school library for free. You can buy a copy from Amazon, a bookstore (Half Price Books, Barnes and Noble, etc.), or you can purchase a copy on iBooks, Nook, Kindle, etc.
3. Read your selected book.
4. Write a reflective journal with at least 15 entries and a creative cover.
5. Turn in this handout along with your reflective journal to your Language and Literature Language Arts teacher on the **first day of school next year. THIS WILL BE YOUR FIRST GRADE FOR THE YEAR.**

Questions that students or parents have should be sent to Keitha Vincent at [kevincent@dallasisd.org](mailto:kevincent@dallasisd.org)

#### Book Choices

*The Dreamer* by Pam Munoz Ryan

*Becoming Naomi Leone* by Pam Munoz Ryan



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