

Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences Summer Reading Program

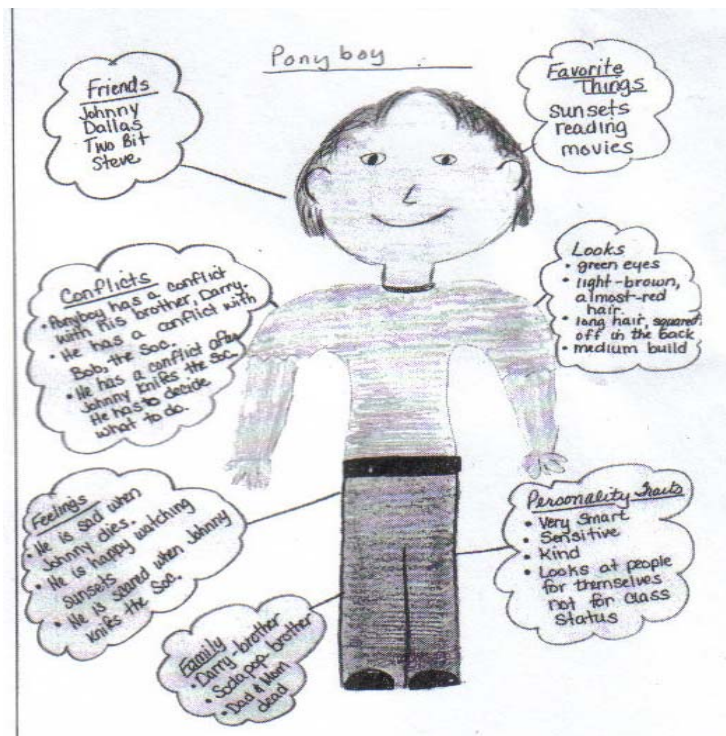
Welcome to your new SSAS Language Arts classroom! Attached are novels from which you are to choose your summer reading books. Every future sixth grader must read one required novel (*Tangerine* by Edward Bloor) and one free choice novel listed below. ESOL/ESE students may listen to novels on tape. There will be a test on *Tangerine* during the first week of school.



In addition, all 6th grade students will be required to complete a project on his or her summer reading novels. This project will be collected the first week of school.

Character Poster Steps:

1. Choose one character from each novel (*Tangerine* and your free choice book.)
2. Use the information from the novel to draw and color a picture of each character on your poster. Add a label with the character's name.
3. Draw six shapes around the outside of each character. This is where you will add information about the character. Write about the character's personality, conflicts, appearance, feelings, etc... You should have some type of information about the character in each shape on your poster.
4. On the bottom of your poster, write about one connection you can make with the character. In other words, list one way that you and the character are alike or what you liked about your character.
5. Repeat with your favorite character from the second novel on the back of your poster.
6. Present poster in class the first week of school.



Sixth Grade Reading List

Bloor, Edward *Tangerine (Required)*

This story features: a heavily near-sighted STAR GOALIE on a student soccer team, his menacing older brother, his new friends from THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN, and death by lightning. A very exciting and insightful story.

Creech, Sharon *Walk Two Moons* (Realistic Fiction)

Sal, who is part Native American, heads west to find the mother who left her, and to seek her cultural identity. This story of courage and a search for one's roots is the winner of the 1995 Newberry Award.

Fox, Paula *One-Eyed Cat* (Realistic Fiction)

Ned knows he shouldn't shoot the air rifle he got for a present. One night he sneaks out and fires it. A few days later, a cat with only one eye appears, and Ned is filled with guilt that just won't disappear.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds *Jade Green* (Horror)

Orphaned Judith Sparrow must move in with an uncle and cousin she has never met, and he won't let her take anything green into the house.

Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Hobbit* (Fantasy)

The story of a hobbit that meets challenges with monsters and wizards.

Howe, James. *The Misfits* (Young Adult)

Two seventh graders who have always been misfits decide to do something about it with the approach of the student council elections. When they team up to form a new political party, their platform bans name-calling and the impact on the school and their own lives is a surprise to all.

Flake, Sharon G. *Skin I'm In* (Young Adult- Identity)

Miss Saunders, whose skin is blotched with a rare skin condition, serves as a mirror to Maleeka Madison's struggle against the burden of low self-esteem that many black girls face when they're darker skinned. Miss Saunders is tough and through this, Maleeka learns to stand up to tough-talking Charleese. **This novel contains some mature content.**

Novels will be available at Barnes and Noble and Books a Million in Sarasota. In addition, there is an Amazon.com link on the school website that allows SSA+S to earn money back on all Amazon purchases!