

Sixth Grade Summer Reading
2022-2023 School Year

All Students entering Sixth Grade

Assignment:

All students will be reading *Pay it Forward* by Catherine Ryan Hyde (**Young Readers Edition**). Your task is to then write a five paragraph Reader's Response Essay analyzing what you read. See attached grading rubric and instructions for each paragraph. The essay is due by the second day of school.

Rubric for Summer Reading Essay

_____ The essay is typed, double-spaced, 12-point font

_____ Proper heading included – student name, date, school, subject

_____ The essay consists of five well-written paragraphs.
(5 – 7 grammatically correct sentences should be included in each paragraph)

_____ Paragraph One – Provide an introduction sentence stating the book you read and author. Introduce your reader to the characters in the novel. Include relationships and how these relationships are important to the story.

_____ Paragraph Two – In the book, Trevor feels that the “pay it forward” tasks have to be “big.” Do you agree or disagree? Why?

_____ Paragraph Three - Based on the characters in the story, is it hard for people to turn their lives around? How do the characters in the story turn their lives around?

_____ Paragraph Four – If you were going to start a “pay it forward” project, what would you choose? How would you start it?

_____ Paragraph Five - Is the “pay it forward” idea worthwhile even if it isn't perfect? What makes it worth doing? How do you think a “pay it forward” project could improve your class, your family, your life?

_____ The essay is free of capitalization, spelling, grammar, subject/verb agreement, and punctuation errors.

_____ The essay was handed in by the second day of school.

* Ten points will be deducted for each of the 10 requirements above that are not completed. This essay will count as your first test grade for the first marking period.

Total Points Earned: _____ **Essay Grade:** _____