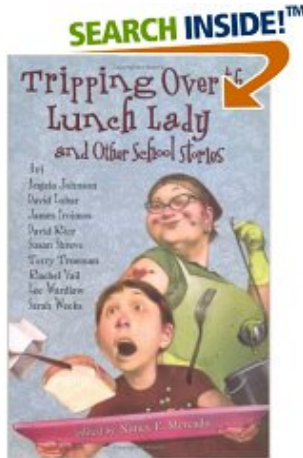


## Summer Reading Requirements for Students entering 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Please read all short story selections from the book selection below.



### **Tripping over the lunch lady: and other school stories (#04327T6)**

**Title:** Tripping over the lunch lady : and other school stories / edited by Nancy E. Mercado.

**Publisher:** Puffin Books, 2006, c2004.

Written by ten well-known authors of books for young readers, this collection of ten humorous short stories captures the action, the politics, the memories, and the heartache of school life. Tackling topics such as unfortunate nicknames, illiteracy, and improbable friendships, the stories entertain as well as enlighten. (From *Kirkus Review*: June 1, 2004)

The stories offer an opportunity, through humorous reads and by identifying with characters, to help our incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students prepare for the transition to their new school experience.

Paperback – list price \$5.99

### **Assignment:**

Complete a “Summary” graphic organizer for each of three short story selections from *Tripping Over The Lunch Lady*.

Complete a “character map” graphic organizer for each of three short stories read.

Complete one Writing Prompt response (from the menu of options) for one short story read.

## Summer Reading Requirements for Students entering 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Please read all short story selections from the book selection below.



### **America street : a multicultural anthology of stories edited by Anne Mazer.**

Fourteen stories by American authors from diverse racial and cultural backgrounds, including Duane Big Eagle, Nicholasa Mohr, Lensey Namioka, and Robert Cormier.

Paperback – list price \$7.95

### **Assignment:**

Complete a “Topic & Theme” graphic organizer for each of three short story selections from *America Street*.

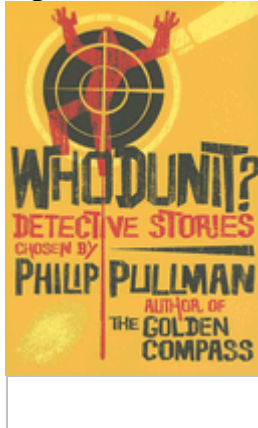
Complete a “character map” graphic organizer for each of three short stories read.

Complete one Writing Prompt response (from the menu of options) for one short story read.

## Summer Reading Requirements for Students entering 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Please choose one of the following collections of short stories to read. Please read all short story selections from your chosen book.

Option one – coordinates with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts mystery unit



### **Whodunit? : detective stories**

chosen by Philip Pullman.

A collection of sixteen short detective stories by writers such as Agatha Christie, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and Dorothy L. Sayers.

Paperback – list price \$6.95

Option two – coordinates with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade unit about immigrants



### **First crossing : stories about teen immigrants**

edited by Donald R. Gallo.

Stories of recent Mexican, Venezuelan, Kazakh, Chinese, Romanian, Palestinian, Swedish, Korean, Haitian, and Cambodian immigrants reveal what it is like to face prejudice, language barriers, and homesickness along with common teenage feelings and needs.

Paperback – list price \$8.99

### Assignment:

Complete a “plot diagram” graphic organizer for three short stories read.

Complete a “character map” graphic organizer for three short stories read.

Complete one Writing Prompt response (from the menu of options) for one short story read.

In September, within students’ Language Arts classes, students will be asked to choose from the following multiple draft writing assignments:

- Choose two of the short stories to compare/contrast
- Summarize one of the short story selections
- Analyze one of the characters from a short story