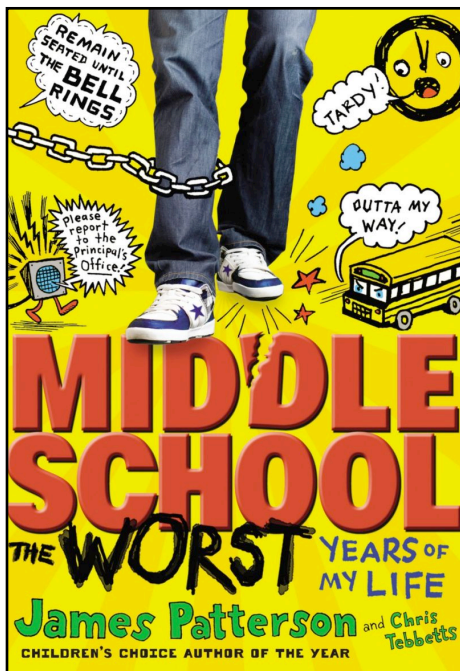


Summer reading and assignments for incoming 6th graders

Middle School: the Worst Years of
my Life
by James Patterson



Rafe Khatchadorian has enough problems at home without throwing his first year of middle school into the mix. Luckily, he's got an ace plan for the best year ever, if only he can pull it off: With his best friend Leonardo the Silent awarding him points, Rafe tries to break every rule in his school's oppressive Code of Conduct. Chewing gum in class: 5,000 points! Running in the hallway: 10,000 points! Pulling the fire alarm: 50,000 points! But when Rafe's game starts to catch up with him, he'll have to decide if winning is all that matters, or if he's finally ready to face the rules, bullies, and truths he's been avoiding.

Assignment: Using poster board, generate a list of Rafe's Top Ten (or so) Biggest Accomplishments from 6th grade. Illustrate each item, using irony and humor the way Rafe tries to do. You are certainly encouraged to put your own spin on this!

Choose any novel you would like to read over the summer. After finishing the novel, your **assignment** is to write a short summary of the story as well as telling why you would or would not recommend this book to others. This should be one to two paragraphs.

Please bring **both** assignments to class during the first week of school. Looking forward to seeing you all!