

Dear Providence 2018-2019 Sixth Grade Class,

Welcome to Sixth Grade! You will love it! We are excited that you will be here. There are many special things to be excited about 6th grade. A few of these are studying chemistry and having lab, studying lots of war history, reading *The Hobbit* (and building hobbit holes), Praise Band, field trips, and the AMAZING RACE!

We do not want you to forget all that you've worked so hard for in 5th grade. We've come up with some summer work so you won't forget all you've learned. Make sure to practice your math and math facts as needed! And don't forget to read! We have 2 books to keep you in the spirit of reading! Your 6th grade literature teacher will expect these 2 assignments the first day of 6th grade! Mrs. Davis has copies of these books for you to borrow this summer.

For your first reading assignment, please read *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio. Then in your neatest **cursive** handwriting write a three paragraph essay summarizing this book. This will be our first book of the year to discuss. We will also celebrate this book with a "Popcorn and Movie" night on Thursday evening, Aug. 2nd at 6:30 at the school.

Also, please read *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell. Then answer the comprehension questions in complete sentences and draw your best illustration on your paper. This book is just a taste of the other amazing books we will read in 6th grade.

We hope that you have a wonderful summer! Remember God loves you a WHOLE LOT~ so remember to HONOR HIM with your WHOLE LIFE (even during the summer)! We will be excited to see you in August!

Love,

Providence 6th Grade Teachers

Island of the Blue Dolphins

By: Scott O'Dell

Directions: After reading the book, answer the following questions in COMPLETE SENTENCES using your BEST CURSIVE HANDWRITING.

1. What do the islanders do that contributes to bad feelings between them and the Aleuts?  
(Ch. 2)

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2. The islanders are leaving their home forever on a strange ship. How might you feel if you had to move away from your home? Is there one special thing you would never leave behind, as Ramo will not leave his spear? (Ch. 7)

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3. As Karana builds her new home, how does she protect herself from animals and from the weather? Why do you think she tries to make her life more comfortable? (Ch. 12)

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4. Karana's life changes after she befriends Rontu. Have you ever had a pet or a human friend who has changed your life? If so, can you describe how? (Ch. 16)

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5. Karana loses her best friend when Rontu dies. Describe how it might feel to lose a favorite animal. (Chapter 25)

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6. Do you think Karana will have a better life after she leaves the island? What might her life be like? (Ch. 29)

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Directions: Draw your favorite part of this story below.