



**Middle School Summer Reading  
Entering 6th Grade**

**Summer Reading and Assignments:**

- *A Place to Hang the Moon* by Kate Albus
  - A journal or diary is required for *A Place to Hang the Moon*. The directions for journaling are listed below. The journal will count as one test grade.
  - A literature test based on *A Place to Hang the Moon* will be administered in the first few weeks of the school year.

***A Place to Hang the Moon* Activity Description**

- Read *A Place to Hang the Moon* by Kate Albus and create a personal journal or diary with **ten entries**.

**Directions:**

1. Imagine you are EITHER Edmund Pearce, Anna Pearce, OR William Pearce. Choose ONE character for the entire journal. After reading a chapter, make a journal or diary entry. Each entry should be from a different chapter, three to five sentences long, include a description or an event you think is important to your character, as well as what he/she thinks about the topic.
2. The entries should be written in the first person; *“I think...”*
3. Six of the ten entries should have a hand drawn, colored illustration that fills approximately one-half of the page along with a caption.
4. You may type the entries, if you wish, using Times New Roman, size 12 font, and black ink, or it may be handwritten as long as it is legible.
5. A cover page is required including the title of the book, the author’s name, your name, and an illustration you think is fitting for this novel. It should include color.

**Sample Entry from Chapter 1 (told from Anna’s point of view):**

*Today was my grandmother’s funeral, and I wasn’t the least bit sad. I know that sounds heartless, but she wasn’t like other grandmothers. She didn’t bake cookies or give my brothers and me the attention and love we’ve been missing since our parents died years ago. I am worried though, and the funeral guests asked the same question I’ve been thinking about all day... “What’s going to happen to the children now that they have no more living relatives?”*

**Some Helpful Hints:**

- Use plain copy or construction paper.
- If you handwrite the entries, cursive is not required. Draw lines with a ruler to help keep your project neat and tidy.
- Use colored pencils or crayons when coloring your illustrations and cover. Markers will bleed through to the next page.
- Report jackets or plastic covers are not required. Simply staple the pages together in the upper left-hand corner.
- Refer to the rubric often and please follow the directions.

**Summer Reading Project Rubric**

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| 1. 10 separate entries 3-5 sentences long are present.           | 50 pts. |
| 2. Written in the first person using "I."                        | 10 pts. |
| 3. Six illustrations with captions are present.                  | 18 pts. |
| 4. Each illustration contains at least 4 separate colors.        | 12 pts. |
| 5. Cover includes title, author, your name, and an illustration. | 8 pts.  |
| 6. Spelling, grammar, and punctuation are correct.               | 20 pts. |
| 7. Neatness and effort   | 10 pts. |