



School of the Arts

Rising 6th Grade Summer Reading

This summer you will be preparing for an author study of Jerry Spinelli that we will complete during the first quarter. You are required to read *Maniac Magee*. Your copy can be hardback, paperback or even checked out from the library. PROJECT DIRECTIONS are posted on the next page.

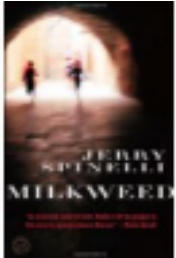
REQUIRED

Maniac Magee



OPTIONAL

If you would like to further your reading to prepare for our author study, we would love for you to choose **one** of his other books from the list below. You might want to think about how this book is similar to *Maniac Magee* and begin noticing the author's writing style. Happy reading!

Loser	Stargirl	Wrinker	Eggs	Milkweed
				

PROJECT DIRECTIONS: Choose **one** of the activities below to complete with the required book *Maniac Magee*. Be prepared to share your activity with the class during the first week of school.

- A. Write a poem about yourself and another about the main character in the book so your readers see how you and the character are alike and different. Be sure to include important traits in each poem.
- B. Make a pair of collages that compare you and the main character in the book. Your comparisons should include physical and personality traits. Label your collages with the traits so we understand your thinking.
- C. Draw, paint or sketch a postcard that invites us into the scenery of an important part in the book. Write a short note on the back from the main character telling us about the scene and why it is important.
- D. Interview a key character from the book to find out what lessons he/she thinks we should learn from events in the book. Use a question-and-answer format to present your material. Be sure the interview is meaningful.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:

- Project should **not** be on poster board. Please limit the size to no larger than 8½ X 11 paper.
- Choose an activity for the **REQUIRED book only**. You **do not** need to complete a project for any optional books you read.
- You **do not** need to bring your book project to class on the first day of school. You will be given a date to bring it after school begins.

Be creative and do your best work!

