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Dear incoming 6th graders,

Summer is a wonderful time to read for pleasure. The English Department is asking you to take advantage of this time of year to fulfill one of the requirements for your next year's Language Arts class.

Please read the novel **Bud, Not Buddy** by Christopher Paul Curtis. The story is about a young boy who goes on an adventure to find his family. The novel is set in the United States during the 1930's. (There are limited copies available at the school bookstore otherwise; you can find a copy on the internet.)

Assignment:

- I. Write down 15 vocabulary words that you found challenging, along with their definitions from <http://www.learnersdictionary.com>
- II. Respond to prompt #1 below and to one more prompt. Please copy down the prompt before responding. Each prompt should be answered fully with a detailed explanation of your thoughts. Please type up the assignment (size 12 font) on this Google doc. and share it with me - maratoue@acs.gr .
 1. Explore how the main character, Bud, changed (especially in thinking or feeling about or toward someone/something) throughout the story. Make sure to write about Bud before the change, what happened to cause the change, and about Bud after the change?
 2. Write a diary entry in the voice of (from the point of view of) a character in your book.
 3. Write about something that happened in the story that surprised you or that you found interesting.
 4. Did you like the ending of the book? How would you have liked it to end? Rewrite a new ending for the book.
 5. How have you changed your way of thinking/feeling about anything after reading this book? Explain.

We will use these answers to do a novel project in September. Please have it completed upon return to school!

Happy reading and have a wonderful summer!

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