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**To: Students who will be in Grade 6 next September**

Summer is a wonderful time to read for pleasure. The English Department is asking you to take advantage of this relaxing 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.

*The option to check out the novel from the ACS Athens bookstore is available to all students. To check out your own copy, a deposit of 5.50 Euros must be paid to the Cashiers Office. Afterwards, take your receipt to the bookstore to pick up your copy. Once the book is returned, in the fall, the deposit will be fully reimbursed.*

Written Assignment:

- I. Please write down 20 vocabulary words that you found challenging, along with their definitions from [www.learnersdictionary.com](http://www.learnersdictionary.com) (20 points)
- II. Create a chart in which you record important information about the main character from each chapter of the novel. (30 points)
- III. Respond to five (5) journal entries. Each journal entry should be at least three paragraphs long. Please copy down the prompt before responding. They do not need to be typed, but should be written legibly if handwritten! Please write on loose-leaf paper that can be collected. (50 points)
  1. Explore how the main character changed (especially in thinking or feeling about or toward someone/something) throughout the story. Make sure to write about the character before the change, what happened to cause the change, and the character after the change?
  2. Write a diary entry in the voice 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!

If you are looking for additional books to read over the summer, here are two fantastic websites that can help you find books you may enjoy:

- [Readkiddoread.com](http://Readkiddoread.com)
- [amightygirl.com/books](http://amightygirl.com/books)

Best wishes for a pleasant summer. Happy Reading!

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