

Dear Student,

Congratulations on being recommended for 6th grade Pre AP Reading. We are going to have a fun and busy year reading novels, poems, essays, dramas, and other literary works. You will be required to do summer reading before starting 6th grade. This reading also includes some writing. Written work will be collected during the first week of school. Be certain that your writing is legible, neat, stapled together, and has your name on it. Writing can be typed or handwritten. There will also be a reading assessment in class over the novel.

Your required reading is Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan. You may purchase this book or check it out from the public library. Complete the summer assignment and be prepared to discuss the book in class. Reading must be completed because we will use this novel to begin literary analysis during the first six weeks of school.

These assignments must be completed before you return in August. If they are not completed, you will be transferred to regular Reading class. Start early; summer always seems to go by very quickly. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me. Have fun reading and enjoy your summer!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kellie Morris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

kellie.morris@bushlandisd.net

Summer assignment for Esperanza Rising

Summarize each chapter. Write a brief summary for each chapter. Remember, a summary includes the important pieces from the beginning, middle, and end. Each summary should be at least 5 sentences. Write in complete sentence checking for punctuation, spelling, and capitalization.

Compare yourself to the main character. Write a paragraph in which you tell how you are like, or different from, the main character in the book. Your paragraph should include at least 5 to 7 well written, descriptive sentences.

In the eye of the beholder: Draw, sketch, or paint 3 split scenes from the novel. The scenes should compare Esperanza's old life to her new life. One side is the past and one is the present. Chose significant, memorable moments from her life. Each scene should include a caption.