

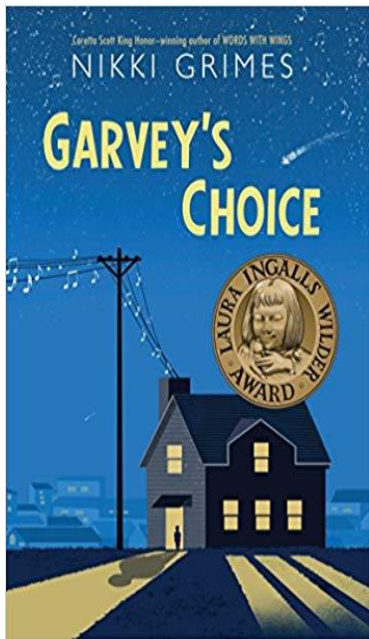


ELLIOTT STREET SCHOOL
2019 SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT
Entering Grade 6



BOOK: Garvey's Choice By Nikki Grimes

GENRE: Realistic Fiction



SUMMARY: *Garvey's father has always wanted Garvey to be athletic, but Garvey is interested in astronomy, science fiction, reading, anything but sports. Feeling like a failure, he comforts himself with food. Garvey is kind, funny, smart, a loyal friend, and he is also overweight, teased by bullies, and lonely. When his only friend encourages him to join the school chorus, Garvey's life changes. The chorus finds a new soloist in Garvey, and through chorus, Garvey finds a way to accept himself, and a way to finally reach his distant father, by speaking the language of music instead of the language of sports. This emotionally resonant novel in verse by award-winning author Nikki Grimes celebrates choosing to be true to yourself.*

ASSIGNMENT:

1. Students will record the gist of each chapter as they read the novel.
2. Students will write or create a newspaper article based on the events in the novel.
3. Students will pretend to be a news reporter and write up an interview with the main character in the novel.
4. Write a recommendation at the very end.

Name _____

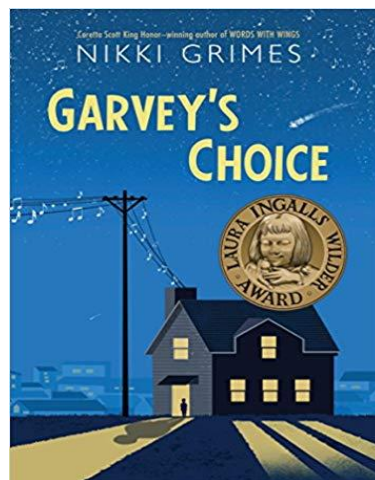
Summer Reading Project

As you read you are expected to have gist notes with page numbers covering the entire book. You should have 3 gists for each chapter and each gist should be one or more complete sentences. **Each gist should include the page number.**

Paraphrase main event	Textual evidence of main event	Page #	Why was this event important to the text
Chapter # _____			
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Choose one of the main events in the novel and turn it into a newspaper article. Pretend you are a reporter in that town and you have to write an article about that event.

- Be creative and add information only if it's consistent with the context of the book.
- Include relevant textual evidence from the text and paraphrase and elaborate
- Add quotes pretending you are a reporter interviewing one of the characters
- Your article should be at minimum 5 paragraphs
- Use the graphic organizer below to organize your thoughts before writing your article
- Your article can be typed and printed and shared with your sixth grade teacher.

Who?	
What?	
When?	
Where?	
Why?	
How?	

Plan to interview Garvey, the main character in the novel. Pretend to conduct a 10 question interview. Create your own probing questions.

**Your interview should include paraphrasing from the text as well as textual evidence.

**Your interview should be consistent with the events that happened in the text.



