

The Village School's Rising 6th Grade Summer Reading



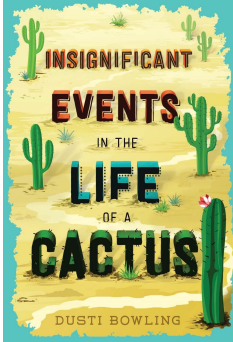
Please complete the following for the first day of school in August.

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Rising Sixth Grade 2020 Summer Reading

"One benefit of summer was that each day, we had more light to read by."
- Jeannette Walls

Whatever your summer plans, make sure they include time to read! This year's Sixth Grade Summer Read is *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus*, by Dusti Bowling. **All rising sixth graders are required to read this and complete annotations for this novel by the first day of school in August.**



Aven Green was born without arms --so when her dad takes a job running a dying western theme park in Arizona, she knows she'll become the center of unwanted attention at her new school, but she bonds with Connor, a classmate with his own disability to conquer. Then they discover a room at the park that holds bigger secrets than Aven ever could have imagined. Can Aven face her fears, solve a mystery and help her friend, too?

ISBN-13: 978-1454923459 / Available for purchase [here](#).

Required annotations for *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus*:

Annotations are a fancy way for saying "make notes in your book." Annotating is like talking to the book. It also helps you have great conversations with your classmates about the book. We'll be discussing this one as soon as we come back to school. As you read, please take notes on:

- Unfamiliar words
- Figurative language (similes, metaphors, idioms, personification, etc.)
- Important events (inciting incident, climax, resolution, etc.)
- Questions
- Surprises
- Connections to life (movies, other books, things you know,)
- Parts you love (or not so much),
- Predictions
- Other brilliant thoughts.

You can create your own note-taking method or use the annotating symbols on [this two-sided bookmark](#) (print it, cut it out and fold). Feel free to write in your book or use sticky notes!