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GT 7<sup>th</sup>-Grade Course Expectations and Summer Reading Contract

Agnew Middle School

The purpose of the MISD Gifted and Talented English summer reading program is to provide a foundation of literacy experience that will enable the student to be successful on Advanced Placement exams, with higher-level literature, and in upper-level writing courses.

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I understand that successful performance in 7th-grade GT classes requires commitment to more independent study than is required of regular classes. In fact, most of the reading will be assigned outside of class, and it is the expectation that these works be completed by the due date assigned in order to be prepared for any discussion or other assignments that will be assigned to increase my understanding of the works.

I agree to read *The Life of Pi* by Yann Martel and a self-selected novel, as well as complete the assignments for the MISD 7th-grade summer reading program. I understand that the failure to complete and turn in these assignments by the first day of class will have a negative impact on my grade for the first six weeks.

After reading *The Life of Pi*, use the instructions on the attached page to complete two of the three tasks for *The Life of Pi*. Be ready to present your two selected tasks when school starts.

For the self-selected novel, be prepared to talk about your novel completely, in front of the class. I will ask questions to make sure you have read. In your talk, include aspects of the novel that are interesting and challenging.

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Please sign below and return to your current English teacher by Monday, June 4th, 2018.

student signature \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_

parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Agnew Middle School 7<sup>th</sup>-Grade GT Summer Reading Tasks for *The Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

Choose two of the following three tasks, complete them, and be ready to turn in and present your tasks the first day of the 2018-2019 school year.

1. Create a collage of at least one of the major themes (life lesson) from the novel. Be sure to use and cover a large piece of construction paper or poster board. You must also include a typed, 1-page explanation of your collage and the selected theme.

2. Write an original poem based on the novel. Your poem must be a minimum of 16 lines and should be typed.

3. Make a children's book adaptation of the novel. You must be sure to include the elements of the plot (exposition, inciting incident, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution). Be sure to include a cover and back for your book.