Congratulations! You are about to complete your final assignment for 6th grade ELA! All of you should be proud of all of the hard work that you have completed throughout the year. I know that I am proud of each and everyone of you!!

Directions:
For your final assignment, you need to determine a theme for *Bud, Not Buddy*. Your theme should be based on the entire novel. Remember what we learned about themes:

~ express a complete thought about a topic/idea
~ express an opinion
~ teach a lesson
~ complete sentence

To help you determine a theme for *Bud, Not Buddy*, I am giving you a list of topics. Pick **ONE** topic from the list and decide what theme Curtis (the author) is trying to convey. Or, you can determine your own theme.

Once you have determined your theme, explain why you came up with your theme. To do this, use details OR quotes from the beginning, middle, and end of the novel to support your explanation. The beginning of the story is when Bud is at the orphanage and staying at the Amoses. The middle of the novel is when Bud is “on the lam” trying to find his father. The end of the novel is when Bud finds Herman and the band.

**Turn over please...**
Topics

family               politeness
the Great Depression   courage
determination          following rules
lying                 kindness
imagination           cleverness

Your theme you determined for Bud, Not Buddy is…

Your detail/quote from the beginning of the novel and how it supports your theme:

Your detail/quote from the middle of the novel and how it supports your theme:

Your detail/quote from the end of the novel and how it supports your theme: