



June

Dear Incoming Sixth Grade Students (and Parents),

Summer is a great time to read! At the end of each academic year we send home a comprehensive Suggested Reading List for you to use during the summer months. We believe that reading over the summer months is an important way to practice and maintain skills taught during the school year and is an essential element of our students' education. Reading during the summer is an important factor in promoting reading as a lifelong endeavor.

The 6th grade humanities curriculum will focus greatly on themes and big ideas in literature. In order to prepare for the discussions and learning activities in 6th grade, each student should choose at least 2 books to read over the summer. The Summer Reading list includes brief summaries of each title so that you can find books that interest you and that you can read comfortably as well as ones that offer you a chance to challenge yourself.

Here are some questions to consider while reading. Feel free to jot down any thoughts and observations you come across.

What is the author's message in the book?

What are the main themes found throughout the story and the lessons that you learned?

In what ways does the author use the plot to reveal the theme to the reader?

We hope you enjoy a restful summer that includes relaxing and reading.

Sincerely,

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