

Sixth Grade Summer Reading Suggestions and Expectations

June 2018

Dear Incoming Sixth Grader:

Summer is a great time to rest, relax and have fun with family and friends. While enjoying your summer, you are strongly encouraged to read books! It is not imperative that you read long and difficult books, but rather choose a wide variety of texts and enjoy your reading!

- Keep a list of the books you read (at least 5) on the attached reading log.
- Please return the attached reading log in September signed by your parents

*In addition, Please **take a photo** of you reading a favorite book in an exotic place, a comfy position, or some other “fun” setting. Please bring your photograph to class during the first week of school!*

I am requiring each incoming sixth grader to **purchase and read** at least one of the following Newbery Medal/Honor books:

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

Joey Pigza Loses Control by Jack Gantos

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Charlotte’s Web by E.B. White



These texts will provide a common literary experience for you and your classmates with which to start our September book discussions. It is strongly **suggested that you read the book in August**, closer to the beginning of the school year. Please **bring your book on the first day of school**. You are asked to **place at least 7 post-it notes** on various passages where you noticed and thought something. Please briefly describe your thinking on each post-it note. Remember that engaged readers **ASK QUESTIONS** and think about unfamiliar words; confusing scenes; predictions; inferences; connections; imagery; characterization; theme; symbolism; narrative signposts you learned in fifth grade (compare & contrast; aha moment; tough question; words for the wiser; again and again; and a memory moment); and a lot more!

If inspired write poems, stories, letters, articles, nature observations... keep a journal, a diary... send me postcard ...write with a pen, a pencil, a marker, ...have fun!

Emails to me over the summer are always **welcomed!** I am looking forward to teaching you in the fall!!

Happy reading and writing! Enjoy your summer vacation! See you at the end of August!

Ms. Gray

