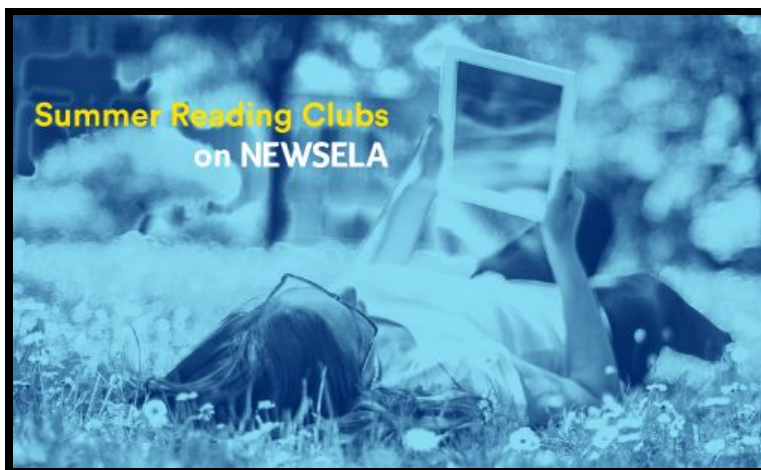


2018-2019 Rising 6th Grade Summer Homework

Dear Rising 6th Grade Families,

The school year is rapidly coming to a close, but we are **ALREADY** looking forward to the growth your child will make in the coming year. Summer reading is an **important** part of the ELA curriculum at Girls Prep because it allows kids to escape into amazing stories and ensures that they don't slide back in their reading levels. **Studies show that the amount of time that students spend reading independently is the best predictor of reading achievement.**

We're very excited that, this summer, 6th grade students will participate in Summer Reading Clubs through NewsELA. That's right--all ELA summer homework will be **ONLINE** this year! Please read below for more information.



What is the duration of Summer Reading Clubs?

Start date: Summer Reading Clubs kicked off on Friday, June 1st

End date: Tuesday, August 28th

All 20 articles and quizzes **must be completed by Tuesday, September 4th** and will count as your first ELA grade of the 2018-2019 school year!

Do your best!

How do I join and how does this work?

All current GPMS students have an existing NewsELA account and should use this throughout the summer. Students are expected to join at least two (2) Summer Reading Clubs. When students join a Summer Reading Club, they will receive ten assigned articles about the club topic, along with Write Prompts asking them to free-write about the topic. Students can join one, two, or all of them!

How do students participate?

Students participate by joining two NewsELA Summer Reading Clubs and by reading assigned articles and taking quizzes/responding to prompts.

Is there a deadline for my child to begin participating?

No. NewsELA Summer Reading Clubs began June 1, but students will be able to begin participating any time over the summer. That being said, students are expected to read and respond to at least 20 articles and should not wait until the last minute to complete the assigned work. Teachers will have all students signed up in a reading club by the end of the school year. All work must be completed by September 4th, 2018.

What is my child's goal in participating in NewsELA Summer Reading Clubs?

Every student's goal for NewsELA Summer Reading Clubs is to read all 20 assigned articles and take all 20 quizzes, scoring a 3 out of 4 or better on each quiz. Students are also expected to complete the writing prompt.

Can students join more than two Summer Reading Clubs?

Yes, students can join as many of the Summer Reading Clubs as they'd like. Please note that teachers will only be grading work from two (2) of the clubs.

Can students read more than they've been assigned?

Yes! Students can always read more than assigned. Any extra articles read will count as extra credit.

How will teachers monitor progress?

Teachers will be able to monitor progress throughout the summer, but a final grade won't be assigned until the first day of the school year. Please remember that this is your child's very first ELA grade for the following year, so it's important that they do their best work.

NewsELA Book Clubs Link: <https://tinyurl.com/y8au8edx>

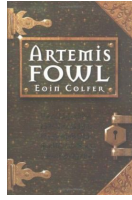
Fondly,
The ELA Instructional Team

Suggested Summer Reading List

Keep your child reading with a few of these engaging novels!

Title	Description
<p style="text-align: center;">Schooled</p> 	<p>Homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Capricorn (Cap) Anderson has never watched television, tasted a pizza, or even heard of a wedgie. But when his grandmother lands in the hospital, Cap is forced to move in with a school counselor and attend the local middle school. While Cap knows a lot about tie-dyeing and Zen Buddhism, no education could prepare him for the politics of public school.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">The Book Thief</p> 	<p>During World War II, a young German girl Leisel steals books to sell and also her story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Dear Mr. Henshaw</p> 	<p>After his parents separate, Leigh Botts moves to a new town with his mother. Struggling to make friends and deal with his anger toward his absent father, Leigh loses himself in a class assignment in which he must write to his favorite author. When Mr. Henshaw responds, the two form an unexpected friendship that will change Leigh's life forever.</p> <p>**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY MS. LOPEZ**</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Souder</p> 	<p>Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young black boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read and through his relationship with his devoted dog Souder.</p> <p>Newbery Award, 1970</p>

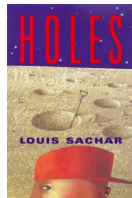
Artemis Fowl



When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

Read the sequels!

Holes



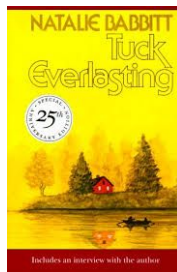
Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Newbery Medal 1999.

Sunshine State Young Readers Award, 2002/2003.

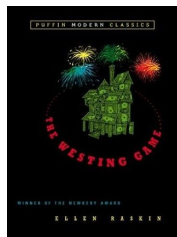
National Book Award Winner, 1998.

Tuck Everlasting



Ten-year-old [Winnie Foster](#) is tired of her family and is thinking of running away from her home in rural Treenap, New Hampshire. One day, while in a wooded area her family owns, she sees a boy about the age of 16 drinking from a spring. He tells her that his name is Jesse Tuck, and forbids her from drinking the water. Soon after, his brother, Miles, and mother, Mae, take her away with them and explain what is happening and why they did what they did.

The Westing Game



A bizarre chain of events begins when sixteen unlikely people gather for the reading of Samuel W. Westing's will. And though no one knows why the eccentric, game-loving millionaire has chosen a virtual stranger - and a possible murderer - to inherit his vast fortune, one thing's for sure: Sam Westing may be dead... but that won't stop him from playing one last game!

Jacob Have I Loved



Feeling deprived all her life of schooling, friends, mother, and even her name by her twin sister, Louise finally begins to find her identity.

Newbery Medal, 1981.