

# Hill Country Middle School

## 6th Grade SUMMER READS

This summer you have plenty of choices for summer reading...

All students at Hill Country Middle School are encouraged to read **many** books this summer. “There is a strong correlation between reading regularly for pleasure (any reading...really, ANY reading, as long as it’s a habit) and academic success, including building vocabulary, an understanding of sentence structure, and an increase in stamina when reading harder texts. It is also clear that the more you read, the better you write” (Kittle 2014).

**Summer reading expectations: This assignment will be one of the first graded assignments of the 2020-21 school year.** Students are required to read at least **one** book this summer, and complete one video booktalk using Flipgrid. **The Grade 6 Summer Reading Fligrd will be** used as a starting point this fall for future discussions about great books to read.

First, you will need to join our HCMS Grade 6 Summer Reading Flipgrid. Flipgrid is a safe and private website and app where students can create book talk videos and share what they are reading with other HCMS students. This is a great way to read!

### Signing Up for Flipgrid:

<u>Device app option:</u>	<u>Computer option:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Download the Flipgrid app from Self Service or App Store</li><li>• Click on “I am a Student”</li><li>• Enter grid code: A6377868</li><li>• Join with Google by entering your EISD login!</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Click this link: <a href="https://flipgrid.com/a6377868">https://flipgrid.com/a6377868</a></li><li>• Join with Google by entering your EISD login!</li></ul>

**\*\*IMPORTANT:** If you are new to Eanes and do not yet have an EISD login, we ask that you create your booktalk using the instructions below, and we will help you upload to Flipgrid when school starts!

### Now Add A Booktalk:

Adding a video to Flipgrid	Book Talk Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Click on the Summer Reading box,</li><li>• Click the plus sign,</li><li>• Either record yourself giving a book talk or upload a talk you already recorded on your device.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Your name,</li><li>• The book (show an image of the book you are sharing);</li><li>• Book title and author;</li><li>• Describe the major conflict/problem in the story;</li><li>• Describe the lesson that the main character learns;</li><li>• your review and thoughts on the book;</li><li>• a connection between the book you read and something you have seen, read, or experienced in the past</li></ul> <p>(See teacher examples on the Flipgrid)</p>

### Need a book recommendation?

[Texas Lone Star Reading List](#) or [Middle Grade Suggestions](#) or [More Middle Grade Suggestions](#)

Have a wonderful summer! Happy reading, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

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