



# GREENWICH ACADEMY

Dear Group VI Girls,

Welcome to Group VI! I am excited to meet and to get to know each of you. In preparation for the new school year, I want you to read TWO books from the list below. You do not need to annotate as you read. In September, you will give a book talk to your class on one of the books you read. To prepare for the book talk, please fill out the attached form and bring it to school with you.

In addition, you will be reading the all-MS read, *New Kid* by Jerry Craft. This book was the first graphic novel ever to win the Newbery Award!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [mcorbo@greenwichacademy.org](mailto:mcorbo@greenwichacademy.org). I hope you have a restful summer, and I look forward to a challenging and rewarding year together.

Best,

Mrs. Corbo  
Group VI English Teacher

## **Group VI Summer Reading List (Choose TWO)**

*The Abduction* by John Grisham  
*All the Answers* by Kate Messner  
*Beyond the Bright Sea* by Lauren Wolk  
*Blended* by Sharon M. Draper  
*Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*Dead Voices* by Katherine Arden  
*Echo Mountain* by Lauren Wolk  
*Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt  
*Forget Me Not* by Ellie Terry  
*Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar  
*I Will Always Write Back* by Martin Ganda  
*Lifeboat 12* by Susan Hood  
*Restart* by Gordon Korman  
*The Strangers* by Margaret Peterson Haddix (and its sequel *The Deceivers*)  
*We're Not From Here* by Geoff Rodkey  
*Well, That Was Awkward* by Rachel Vail  
*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group VI English

### Book Talks!

We will be sharing our summer books with each other in class by giving book talks, which are like short advertisements for books with an overview of the plot and what you liked best about the book.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Genre: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Questions:

1. First three words that pop into your head that describe this book:

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2. Honest reasons why you liked this book.

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3. Describe the main character.

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4. Describe the setting.

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5. What's the main conflict in the story? (Be sure to explain enough of the plot that your audience understands

and is hooked, but not so much of the plot that you give it all away!)

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6. Why do you think others will like this book too?

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7. If you like \_\_\_\_\_ (*can be a general topic, genre, another book or even movie*), then you will like this book.

8. If you had to pick a favorite part of this book, what would it be?

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9. What passage will you read out loud? (1/2 to 1 page long) Remember not to give away the ending! Write the page # here.

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10. Rate the book on a scale of 1 to 10.

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