

## 2022-2023 Summer Reading for Incoming Sixth Graders

Dear Incoming Sixth Grader,

Over the summer you will be reading either *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodges Burnett or *Carry On, Mr. Bowditch* by Jean Lee Bowditch. You will also read one book of your choice from the suggested enjoyment list. I would like you to remember, an active reader is an engaged and successful reader. In addition to reading, please complete the following on your required reading novel:

1. Annotate the book: Annotating a text will not only help you remember what you read but help you understand and connect with the text. Read your book with a pen and highlighter in hand. In order to demonstrate active reading, you need to highlight your book as well as take notes in the margin. For example, you could:

- Highlight new vocabulary words
- Highlight an important or confusing passage
- Make a prediction of what you think is going to happen
- Highlight a quote (something a character says) that you think is important
- Underline new characters as they appear
- Write down a question if you are confused by something
- Write down a note about a character's behavior: were they brave, reckless, or selfish?

2. Please also take notes on the plot, setting, key characters, symbolism, and a few quotes on a separate sheet of paper or typed document. This will be used to complete an in-class assignment when you return to school.

3. In addition to reading one of the required reading books, please complete the attached book summary on your chosen enjoyment reading book.

Bring the completed book summary, notes, and your annotated book with you to class on the **second** day of school. The materials will be checked, and we will use them to complete an activity for your very first 6<sup>th</sup>-grade assignment.

Happy Summer Reading,  
Mrs. Price

### Required Reading:

**The Secret Garden** by Frances Hodges Burnett ISBN-13: 9780064401883

Mary, a sour young girl, is orphaned in Africa and has to move in with her uncle in his gloomy castle in England. The quiet joy of country life, combined with the mysterious dual discovery of both a sickly cousin and a forgotten, walled garden, provides the orphan with opportunities to see beyond herself.

OR

**Carry On, Mr. Bowditch** by Jean Lee Bowditch ISBN-13: 9780618250745

The biography of a math genius thrust into indentured servitude by a family that could not support him, Latham's novel depicts the humility, determination, and industry that shape the American identity in the person of Nathaniel Bowditch.

Plus, one other book from the suggested enjoyment list.

Any student that registers after July 15th is exempt from the summer reading requirement.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Book Summary

In addition to reading and annotating your required reading book, you must complete the following sheet for the enjoyment reading book. This should be **typed** (double spaced, 12 pt. font) and attached to this sheet.

Title/Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Page count \_\_\_\_\_

Create a **one-paragraph essay** on your book. Please use all **five dress-ups** (strong verb (sv), quality adjective (QA), -ly adverb (-ly), who-which clause (w-w), www.asia.b clause (cl) and **four** of the six **sentence openers** (1 – subject, 2 – preposition, 3 - -ly, 4 – -ing, 5 – www.asia.b, 6 – v.s.s). Include a topic and clincher. Avoid or replace the following banned words:

Go/went      come/came      see/saw      say/said      get/got      good/bad

Nice/mean      pretty/ugly      big/a lot

## **Sixth Grade Summer Enjoyment Book Choice 2022-2023**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
Word on Fire	Jennifer Nielsen
The Black Pearl	Scott O'Dell
My Side of the Mountain	Jean Craighead George
Strawberry Girl	Lois Lenski
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell
Twenty and Ten	Claire Bishop
Understood Betsy	Dorothy C. Fisher
My Friend Flicka	Mary O' Hara
The Sign of the Beaver	Elizabeth George Speare
The Land of Stories Series	Chris Colfer
Chronicles of Narnia Series	C.S. Lewis
A Series of Unfortunate Events	Lemony Snicket
The Mysterious Benedict Society Series	Trenton Lee Stewart
Dreamhouse Kings Series	Robert Liparulo