



6th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Bridge to Terabithia

By Katherine Patterson

- Please read the novel *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Patterson. Use Post-it notes to annotate (this means to make notes, or comments) as you read.
- Focus your annotations on how the author uses characterization and theme development (what messages or ideas the author is trying to share) in writing this story.
- *Bridge to Terabithia* will be discussed and used for an in-class writing assignment during the first two weeks of school. Save your notes to bring to school for this purpose.
- Please select a second novel (one you have not read before) to read this summer as well. The novel you select may be in any genre and should be a reasonable length and should be age-appropriate for content. You do not need to make annotations on this book, but be prepared to share what you read in class as well.

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Patterson:

Jess Aarons had to be the Fastest runner at Lark Creek Elementary School, the best, but when he was challenged by Leslie Burke, a girl, that was just the beginning of a new season in Jess's life. Leslie and her parents were newcomers to the rural community where Jess Lived, and were thought to be a bit odd, for they didn't even own a TV, though their house was filled with books. Some-what to Jess's surprise, he and Leslie became friends, and the worlds of imagination and learning that she opened to him changed him forever. It was Leslie's idea to create Terabithia, their secret Kingdom in the woods where they reigned supreme. There is no enemy – not their teacher Monster Mouth Meyers, their schoolmates Gary Fulcher and Janice Avery, Jess's four sisters, or even Jess's own fears and Leslie's imaginary foes – could defeat them. The Legacy that Leslie finally brought to Jess enabled him to cope with the unexpected tragedy that touched them all (Harper Collins).