



## Summer Reading 2024

Hello! I am your future language arts teacher, Kate Siwicki, and I am very excited to meet you and have you join our middle school!

For your summer reading, we ask that you read **three** books of your choice. Of the three books, please complete the “coat of arms” about your favorite book of the three. The more colorful your shield is, the better, because this will be hanging on your locker for other middle schoolers and teachers to look at and get to know you.

Please follow these instructions to complete the shield:

1. Draw a picture of the **main setting** (if there are several, choose one that is described the most throughout the story) with a quote from the story to support your drawing.
2. Draw a picture of the **main characters** with labels and a quote from the story to support your drawing.
3. Draw a picture of the **main conflict** in the story and a quote from the story to support your drawing.
4. Draw a picture of the **resolution of the story** and a quote from the story to support your drawing.
5. Draw a picture of a **symbol** that was shown throughout the story and a quote from the story to support your drawing.
6. Draw a picture of your **favorite scene** from the story.
7. In the banner at the bottom, write the **theme** of the story and a quote from the story that supports your theme.

Your artwork will not be graded so don't be afraid to take risks with how you depict the story!

If you would like to create your own “coat of arms” please do not exceed the following measurements (12 inches wide x 18 inches long) as we want to display them on your lockers.

## Letter to Your 6th Grade Advisor

In addition to your reading, you will also write a letter to your future advisor using the following format:

- **First Paragraph:** Explain a few details about your life. We want to know about your family, your favorite hobbies and interests, and something that is kind of quirky about you.
- **Second Paragraph:** Tell us about your summer. What did you do? Who did you spend time with?
- **Third Paragraph:** Tell us what your hopes and fears are for middle school and, specifically, sixth grade. What are you most looking forward to and what do you think might challenge you?
- **Add doodles and drawings to your letter!** Letters are more fun when they include art.

**Step 4:** Mail your letter before school begins! Here's our address:

To: Rowland Hall Middle School  
% My Advisor  
970 East 800 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84102

*See you soon, your 6th grade advisors!*