

## 2024 Summer Project - *A Road Map to Success* *First Stop: 6th Grade*

### Welcome!

Hello rising sixth graders, and welcome to Baldwin Middle School! Your sixth grade teachers can't wait to begin working with you. While we want you to enjoy your summer vacation, taking a "brain break" for the **entire** summer can cause you to lose some of the skills that you worked hard on learning this year.

This summer we would like you to read **ONE** title from the *6th Grade Summer Reading Book List* or select a book of your choice. We encourage you to read as many additional titles as you wish. As you read, be sure to stop and jot your ideas and noticings on the book, asking yourself, "***When faced with difficulties, what causes some people to overcome them, while others may not?***"

Taking notes on your reading helps you to understand the story and to think about its connection to life and the world in which we live. It will also help you remember the story when you return to school.

***Please know that at the end of September, you will be participating in a Socratic Seminar. Each student will be sharing their views and ideas based on the book they chose to read. Your teacher will ask you to reflect on the seminar as an in - class assignment. This will count as a written grade towards your first - quarter grade entered into eSchool for your sixth grade year.***

### Task and Resources

**Task:** Read one book and begin reflecting on the essential question:

- ***In the face of adversity, what causes some individuals to prevail while others fail?*** In other words, "***When faced with difficulties, why do some people overcome them, while others may not?***"


**In order to complete this task, you will need to do the following:**

1. Read **one** text of your choice from the *6th Grade Summer Reading Book List* or a **book of your choice** that aligns to the above essential question: \_\_\_\_\_.
2. To prepare to participate in a Socratic Seminar when you return to school:
  - Reflect** on the essential question: ***In the face of adversity, what causes some individuals to prevail while others fail?*** (*When faced with difficulties, what causes some people to overcome them, while others may not?*)
  - Annotate** - Stop and Jot your noticings and ideas in your notebook.
  - Choose one** quote from the beginning, middle, and end of the text that is relevant and made an impact on you. Be sure to have at least three quotes in total.

\* You will need your stop and jots and quotes when you come back to school so be sure to keep them in a notebook.

# 6th Grade

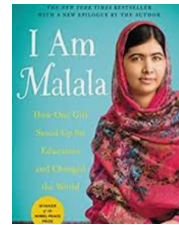
## Summer Reading Book List



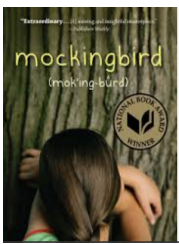
***EQ: In the face of adversity, what causes some individuals to prevail while others fail?"***



***Stargirl*** by Spinelli, Jerry  
 In this story about the perils of popularity the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.



***I Am Malala*** by Malala Yousafzai  
 Malala describes her fight for education for girls under Taliban rule, the support she received from her parents to pursue an education, and how the Taliban retaliated against her by trying to kill her.



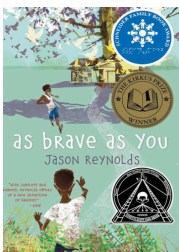
***Mockingbird*** by Erskine Kathryn  
 Ten - year - old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school, while at home she seeks closure by working on a project with her

father.



***Crossover*** by Kwame Alexander  
 "With a bolt of lightning on my kicks . . .The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. Cuz tonight I'm

Delivering," announces dread-locked, 12-year old Josh Bell. He and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh and Jordan must come to grips and realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their stories heart-stopping climax proves a game-changer for the entire family.



***As Brave As You*** by Jason Reynolds  
 When two brothers decide to prove how brave they are, everything backfires—literally! Genie's summer is full of surprises. The first is that he and his big brother, Ernie, are leaving Brooklyn

for the very first time to spend the summer with their grandparents all the way in Virginia—in the COUNTRY! The second surprise comes when Genie figures out that their grandfather is blind. Thunderstruck, Genie peppers Grandpa with questions about how he hides it so well (besides wearing way cool Ray-Bans).



***Hello Universe*** by Erin Entrada Kelly  
 In one day, four lives weave together in unexpected ways. Virgil Salinas is shy and kind hearted and feels out of place in his crazy-about-sports family. Valencia Somerset, who is deaf, is smart, brave, and secretly lonely, and she loves everything about nature. Kaori Tanaka is

a self-proclaimed psychic, whose little sister, Gen, is always following her around. And Chet Bullens wishes the weird kids would just stop being so different so he can concentrate on basketball.

They aren't friends, at least not until Chet pulls a prank that traps Virgil and his pet guinea pig at the bottom of a well. This disaster leads Kaori, Gen, and Valencia on an epic quest to find missing Virgil. Through luck, smarts, bravery, and a little help from the universe, a rescue is performed, a bully is put in his place, and friendship blooms.