

6th Grade Summer Reading Assignments Riverdale – English Language Arts

Standard Required Novel: *Frindle*, by Andrew Clement

Enriched Required Novel: *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt

17 **Assignment Due Date**

Students must finish reading their assigned novel by the **first week of school**. **Students will take a comprehension test on the novel during the second week of school. A summer writing assignment and other activities will be done in class the first week of school.**

About the Books

According to Goodreads.com, *Frindle* is “a quirky, imaginative tale about creative thought and the power of words that will have readers inventing their own words.” It focuses on Nick Allen, a boy who some call a troublemaker, but he is really just a smart kid who is full of great ideas. *Frindle* is a light, funny read that is perfect for summer.

The Wednesday Wars, according to [Goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1171138.The_Wednesday_Wars_by_Gary_D_Schmidt), is “a wonderfully witty and compelling story about a teenage boy’s mishaps and adventures over the course of the 1967–68 school year in Long Island, New York.” The book incorporates the effects of the Vietnam War, Shakespeare, and the relatable experiences of a middle schooler.

Where to Get the Book

You can find both books at your local library or purchase online:

[Frindle](#) on Amazon

[The Wednesday Wars](#) on Amazon

Tips for Reading Success

-  **Read slowly** and re-read confusing parts
-  **Use context clues** to figure out meanings

-  **Make a vocabulary list** of new words
 -  **Try an audiobook:** Struggling readers may want to listen to the book, while reading along
 -  **Ask questions** and discuss the book with family or friends
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Goal

This summer reading assignment helps students build vocabulary, improve reading comprehension, and prepare for discussions and writing in the fall.

Thank you for encouraging your child to read this summer!

If you have questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Marsh at kimberly.marsh@gmsdk12.org or Mrs. Collins at lindsey.collins@gmsdk12.org