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Dear Incoming Sixth Grader,

Welcome to the world of sixth-grade language arts! While you look ahead to the summer break, please give thought to the books that you will read in preparation for the first week of school. We encourage you to choose books that interest you; feel free to peruse our recommended list of texts at the end of this document. It is mandatory that you complete one book, either fiction or nonfiction, but we hope that you will read more! Be prepared to use this information in September for an in-class assignment.

Please choose one book to analyze more deeply.

**Fiction:**

If you choose a fiction book, take notes about the main story elements. Use the graphic organizer located on the next page to capture these elements: characters (main and secondary), setting (time, place, and what it feels like to be in this place), problems, and solutions. You may handwrite or type directly onto the organizer.

**Nonfiction:**

If you select a nonfiction book, please complete the nonfiction organizer (5W and 1H), also attached to this letter.

**Please finish the reading and your graphic organizer by Friday, September 5th.** Have a great summer! We'll see you in the fall.

Sincerely,  
The Sixth Grade English Language Arts Teachers



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**Graphic Organizer: Fiction**

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please use the organizer below to capture information about the story elements in your chosen book.**

<p><b>Characters</b></p>	<p><b>Setting (time, place, and environment—what it feels like to be in the place)</b></p>
<p><b>Problems</b></p>	<p><b>Solutions</b></p>



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**Graphic Organizer: Nonfiction**

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**Writing Nonfiction Summaries Using the 5Ws and 1H**

<b><u>Who</u> was involved?</b>	
<b><u>What</u> happened?</b>	
<b><u>When</u> did it happen?</b>	
<b><u>Where</u> did it happen?</b>	
<b><u>Why</u> did it happen?</b>	
<b><u>How</u> did it happen?</b>	



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### FMS Summer Reading 2025 - Students Entering 6th Grade

*Titles listed below are available at the Hastings Public Library and Vanishing Ink Bookstore.*

Fiction	Author
<u>Benefits of Being an Octopus</u>	Ann Braden
<u>Blended</u>	Sharon Draper
<u>Land of Stories Series</u>	Chris Colfer
<u>Marcus Varga Doesn't Speak Spanish</u>	Pablo Cartaya
<u>Merci Suarez Changes Gears</u>	Meg Medina
<u>Mockingbird</u>	Kathryn Erskine
<u>On Air with Zoe Washington</u>	Janae Marks
<u>One Crazy Summer</u>	Rita Williams-Garcia
<u>Out of My Mind</u>	Sharon Draper
<u>Restart</u>	Gordon Korman
<u>Song for a Whale</u>	Lynne Kelly
<u>The Thing About Jellyfish</u>	Ally Benjamin
<u>The Whole Story of Half a Girl</u>	Veera Hiranandani
Non-Fiction	Author
<u>Lincoln's Grave Robbers</u>	Steve Sheinkin
<u>Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team</u>	Steve Sheinkin
<u>Quiet Power: The Secret Strengths of Introverted Kids</u>	Susan Cain
<u>The Mona Lisa Vanishes: A Legendary Painter, a Shocking Heist, and the Birth of a Global Celebrity</u>	Nicholas Day
<u>Total Garbage: A Messy Dive into Trash, Waste, and Our World</u>	Rebecca Donnelly
<u>The Sum of Us (Adapted for Young Readers)</u>	Heather McGhee
<u>Grayson</u>	Lynne Cox