INCOMING 6TH GRADE SUMMER READING EXPECTATIONS 2026

Summer is a great time to rest, relax and have fun with family and friends. While enjoying your summer, you are strongly encouraged to read books! It is not imperative that you read long and difficult books, but rather choose a wide variety of texts and enjoy your reading! *In addition, please **take a photo** of you reading a favorite book in an exotic place, a comfy position, or some other "fun" setting. Please bring your photograph to class during the first week of school!*

- Keep a list of the books you read (at least 5) on the provided reading list form.
- Please return the provided reading list and notes in September, signed by your parents
- In order to provide a common literary experience with which to start our September book discussions, I am requiring you to **purchase and read** at least one of the following award-winning books that you have never read before:
    - *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt
    - *The New Kid* by Jerry Craft
    - *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang
    - *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson
- In the required book, r**ecord at least 7 post-it-notes** on various passages where you notice and think about something. Please briefly describe your thinking on each note. Remember that engaged readers THINK. They:
    - ask questions
    - make predictions, inferences, connections, and images
    - think about unfamiliar words; confusing scenes; characterization; theme; symbolism; author's craft
    - notice various narrative signposts (compare & contrast; aha moment; tough question; words for the wiser; again and again; and a memory moment)
    - determine main ideas from supporting details
- It is strongly suggested that you **read the required book in August**, closer to the beginning of the school year. Please **bring this book to school on the first day of class.** You may enjoy reading the story with your parents or listening to it in an audiobook.

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Name:_____Sixth Grade Summer Reading List 2026

Read 5+ books. At least one of your five books must be: *Tuck Everlasting; Bridge to Terabithia; New Kid; or Front Desk.*

4 stars = a favorite; 3 stars = really enjoyed; 2 stars= good; 1 star = okay; 0 stars = not worth reading

#	**Title** *(remember to use capitals)*	**Author's last name**	# pgs in book	**Genre**	**Notes:** Write a few brief notes that will help you remember the book. Phrases are perfect **fiction** -> setting, characters, conflict, plot **nonfiction** -> topic, main ideas, specific details	**Stars**
EX-AM-PLE	*Serafina and the Black Cloak*	Beatty	294	Fantasy Fiction	Setting: The Biltmore Estate, North Carolina 1859 Characters: man in the black cloak, Serafina, Braiden, Pa Conflict- Serafina is trying to find out who is kidnapping the children from the estate. Plot: • Clara Brahms gets kidnapped • Seraphina befriends Braiden • Carriage incident • Plan to capture man in black cloak • Plan works -> Seraphina connects with wild side • Serafina discovers that her mother is a catamount • All people kidnapped by the black cloak return to the estate • Seraphina gets to stay at Biltmore and discovers her purpose at the estate	****
EX-AM-PLE	*Flying High*	Meadows	38	Nonfiction	**Topic**: Simone Biles Main ideas: • Simone and her siblings are sent to foster care, but Simone doesn't give up. • Her grandparents adopt Simone and her siblings at the age of 6 • Simone is an award winning gymnast • Even if Simone fails, she gets right back up to impress the judges	****
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