Dear Fifth Grader,

Welcome to summer!

Your sixth grade teachers at Roslyn Middle School are eager to meet you in September and spend the year working with you. In preparation for sixth grade, your English teacher would like you to read *When Stars Are Scattered*, by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed. During the first few weeks of school, you will have the opportunity to participate in seminar discussions and activities centered around this text.

In order to best prepare, please keep track of the following information as you read:

- Character names (especially our main character!)
- Challenges the main character faces and how that character responds to those challenges
- Any lessons you think a middle schooler could learn from how the main character handles challenges
- Anything else that stands out to you as meaningful, beautiful, or important

We do hope you enjoy this selection, and we are very much looking forward to getting to know you as readers and writers as we embark on a new school year together.

Warmly,
The Sixth Grade English Team





Dear Parents,

Welcome to Roslyn Middle School English! We are eagerly looking ahead to greeting your children when they walk through our doors in September!

Sustained reading over summer months has countless benefits for developing students. It builds skills, combats learning loss, keeps kids engaged in thinking about the world beyond themselves, and deepens knowledge, awareness, and understanding. Reading can have the greatest impact when students select titles that are appropriately suited to their current interests and ability.

If you are interested in supporting your child's pursuit of additional reading over the summer but aren't sure where to start, we offer the following lists. These are merely recommendations, so feel free to be choosy! Use your discretion in identifying selections that you think are good fits for your specific child.

We do hope you find these resources helpful, and we can't wait to see you all in September!

Warmly,
Jennifer Sapir
English Chair

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Scholastic's Picks for Best Middle Grade Books of the Year 2026

Harper Collins Publishers' List of 50+ Newbery Award Winning Books

New York Public Library's Spring 2026 Picks for Teens