

Dear New 6th Graders,

Congratulations on finishing 5th grade. I am very excited to spend the new year with you all! Before we do so, I want you to be sure to have the greatest summer of your life. Enjoy the days with your friends and family. When it is time, I will see you in your new 6th grade classroom!

I do have a favor to ask. I know you worked really hard this year and I want to make sure that you do not forget everything that you accomplished. Additionally, I want to make sure that you are ready for what lies ahead in 6th grade. Studies have proven that if you spend a little bit of time over the summer reviewing the skills you learned, you will be more successful in your new year of schooling. I want to be sure I am helping each of you to do your best and succeed! As a result, I am asking each of you to make sure you set aside some time to do some reading and math review. Please do not wait until the end of August to cram it all in. I think it would be a great idea to do a little each week.

Reading

Reading is the foundation of success, but also an opportunity to escape reality while being in a different world.. Attached are some recommendations for reading that might interest each of you. I chose a variety of ideas because we all like different things, which is what is so great! I am asking you to please read at least two books this summer. For one of the books, you will have your choice of an assignment to bring in (please see below). For the second book, you will be presenting a "book talk", retelling your selected story. I am attaching a graphic organizer to help you plan your retell. Additionally, I want you to have a little fun with reading. As a result, I am also attaching a reading bingo sheet. I want you to get creative with where/when/how you read. When you come back in September, bring your bingo sheet with all of your other enrichment papers. If you complete your bingo sheet and have your grown-ups signatures for each completed task, you will receive a reward.

Math

As you know, I love math. That's why I teach it! In order to grow in your mathematical abilities, it is very important to make sure you keep your mind fresh. I am including a small math review packet. There are 8 weeks of questions to complete, but fear not, there are only 20 simple review questions per week. You could be done in 20 minutes each week. Please bring this back with you in September. If there is a question that you are unsure of, please make sure to mark it with a star so that I can help you focus on the ones that might be the most challenging before we take off on our 6th grade math adventure!

I look forward to seeing each of you in the new school year. I hope you have an incredible summer!

See you in September!

Mrs. Wilson

Summer Reading Written Assignment

Next year we will be diving into the world of novels inside the classroom. Over the summer, I invite you to escape into the paradise of a book. Please choose two books from this list to complete two different challenges.

Challenge 1- Complete the written summer reading assignment on one of these books.

Challenge 2- Choose a second book. You will give a *book talk*, orally summarizing this book when you come back in September.

Amina's Voice- by *Hena Khan*

Almost Home- *Joan Bauer*

Finding Langston- by *Lisa Cline-Ransome*

Little Women- by *Louisa May Alcott*

Peter and the Starcatchers- by *Dave Barry*

Reaching for the Moon- Autobiography by *Katherine Johnson*

Riding Chance- by *Sarah Weeks*

SOAR- by *Joan Bauer*

Stella by Starlight- by *Sharon Draper*

The Best Man- by *Richard Peck*

The Honest Truth- by *Dan Gemeinhart*

The Red Bandana - by *Tom Rinaldi*

Things Not Seen- by *Andrew Clements*

Waiting for Normal- *Leslie Connor*

Wolf Hollow- *Lauren Wolf*

Wonder- *R.J. Palacio*

Presentation Challenge Options:

Please pick one of the following for your presentation challenge:

Book Talk (Google Slide Presentation)

- Slides should include the following:
 - *Author:* About the author
 - *Vocabulary:* Define 10 vocabulary terms
 - *Character:* Tell who are the major and minor characters as well as their role
 - *Setting:* type information about the setting of the story
 - *Plot:* type information about the plot (sequence of events)
 - *Conflict/Resolution:* what is the main conflict of the story and how was it resolved or ended?

Movie Trailer

- Begin with defining 10 new vocabulary terms that you were not familiar with prior to reading the story.
- Summarize the story, including the characters, setting, and problem.
- Imagine that you are going to create a movie off of the story. You are to write a script with details and your response to the story. Once you have typed a short script, you are to create a video trailer for your movie.

Cartoon Squares

- Create a series of six drawings in six squares that shows a significant event in the novel. Under each picture or cartoon, write a few lines of explanation.

Pamphlet

- Create a pamphlet aimed at teaching others of the importance of why they should read that story. Please be sure to include the following
 - 5 new words that you learned. Be sure to define them.
 - All characters
 - The setting
 - The Plot
 - The summary of the book
 - Your response to why someone should read this book.

Book/Movie Comparison

If your story has already been made into a movie, write a comparison between the book and the movie. Begin with writing a summary of the story. Include information about key changes from the book and develop ideas about why these changes were made and how effective they were. Please include if there was a lesson taught in the book and if it was also taught or changed in the movie.

Board game

Create a board game about the book you read. For example, the game could advance players when they answer a question about the book or move players backward or forward based on problems and solutions from the book.