

Summer Reading for Incoming Sixth Graders

The following books are related to themes we will discuss in sixth grade English and Social Studies, and your familiarity with these works will enhance our discussions. You are expected to read **two required** books and **one additional** novel from the list below.

For each book, you should highlight or make note of important passages. Keep a list of significant characters and identify the main events for each individual. If you can find the central character's conflict, please do. Read with a highlighter or pen in hand, so you may mark passages with your own notations in the margins. If you are more comfortable writing on mini post-it notes, jot your notes on the post-its and stick them into the book. In September, we will begin our year by discussing and writing about one of the assigned books.

Required Reading:

The Golden Compass - Philip Pullman

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle - Avi

Additional Recommended Books: Read one of the following six books for your third required summer reading. During the first weeks of school, you will be completing a book report based on one of these novels.

Bridge to Terabithia – Katherine Patterson

The Witch of Blackbird Pond – Elizabeth George Speare

The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson Burnett

A Proud Taste for Scarlet and Miniver– E.L. Konigsburg

Running Out of Time – Margaret Peterson Haddix

The Bronze Bow – Elizabeth George Speare

Enjoy your summer and happy reading!