

GRADE 6 - 2018 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The faculty at QMS is again sponsoring a Summer Reading Program that focuses on quality literature and invites students to experience a variety of genres. It is our hope that it not only challenges students to read two novels, but also inspires students to read other books for their own enjoyment. By interacting with good literature, both during the school year as well as during the summer, students will recognize and appreciate the power and beauty of written language and identify with the universality of human experience as they think critically about the events and characters portrayed in the literary works. It is through reading that we come to a better understanding of our world, the people who inhabit it, and the experiences we share. Enjoy!

Incoming sixth grade students are expected to read at least two books. One choice should come from the included list. The other book is your choice. While reading, you should try to fill your bingo card by reading in various environments. Students should complete at least one line of bingo throughout the summer. Students who complete the entire card will receive a homework pass from their ELA teacher. Also, students should keep track of the books you've read on the rating chart, which should be signed by a parent or guardian. The rating chart and bingo card should be brought to school in the first week of school.

❑ ***The Dreamer* by Pam Munoz Ryan (fiction)**

Neftalí is a dreamer. He loves words, birds, forests, and the sky. But his father expects him to be practical, concentrate on his studies, and prepare for a career in business. Slowly Neftalí learns to believe in himself, defy his father, and trust his own vision...a vision that makes him grow up to become one of the foremost poets of the twentieth century. (Summary from Scholastic Book Wizard- scholastic.com/teacher)

❑ ***Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen (fiction)**

Brian is on his way to Canada to visit his estranged father when the pilot of his small prop plane suffers a heart attack. Thirteen-year-old Brian is forced to crash-land the plane in a lake, and finds himself stranded in the remote Canadian wilderness with only his clothing and the hatchet his mother gave him as a present before his departure . . . He has no special knowledge of the woods, and he must find a new kind of awareness and patience as he meets each day's challenges. (Summary from Scholastic Book Wizard- scholastic.com/teacher)

❑ ***One for the Murphys* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt (fiction)**

Carley uses humor and street smarts to keep her emotional walls high and thick. But the day she becomes a foster child and moves in with the Murphys, she's blindsided. This loving, bustling family shows Carley the stable family life she never thought existed and she feels like an alien in their cookie-cutter-perfect household. Despite her resistance, the Murphys eventually show her what it feels like to belong, until her mother wants her back and Carley has to decide where and how to live. She's not really a Murphy, but the gifts they've given her have opened up a new future. (Summary from Scholastic Book Wizard- scholastic.com/teacher)

❑ ***Zlata's Diary* by Zlata Filipovic (nonfiction)**

As a child living in Sarajevo during the war, Zlata learns what it is like to lose friends and family and to fear for her life. Throughout the war, Zlata keeps her diary faithfully and shows her courage as her world falls apart around her. (Summary from Scholastic Book Wizard- scholastic.com/teacher)

❑ ***Believe: The Victorious Story of Eric LeGrand* by Eric LeGrand (nonfiction)**

When Rutgers junior Eric LeGrand collapsed on the field in October 2010 after a tackle gone wrong, his football career, along with his ability to walk and care for himself, disappeared. Paralyzed from the neck down, LeGrand had to depend fully on nurses and his mother, whose devotion helps form the heart of this wrenching yet uplifting story. LeGrand's faith and optimism power through even the darkest details of his slow recovery, yet he still honestly explores what the accident has cost him. (Summary from publishersweekly.com)

❑ ***The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett (fiction)**

After the sudden death of her parents in India, Mary Lennox is sent 'home' to England, and the Yorkshire estate of a distant relative. Sad and lonely, her only interest lies in a secret garden, abandoned after a tragic accident. With the help of Dickon, a local country boy, and Colin, her guardian's invalid son, Mary's spirit is reawakened as they bring the garden back to life. Now Mary will discover that miracles can happen, and that magic is real.

❑ ***Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls (fiction)**

Billy Colman roams the Ozarks of northeastern Oklahoma with his bluetick hound and his precious coonhound pup trying to "tree" the elusive raccoon. In time, the inseparable trio wins the coveted gold cup in the annual coon-hunt contest, captures the wily ghost coon, and bravely fights with a mountain lion.

❑ ***Maximum Ride: Book One-The Angel Experiment* by James Patterson (fiction)**

This is book one of James Patterson's popular fantasy series. Maximum Ride and her friends Fang, Iggy, Nudge, Angel and Gasman are kids who are different than most. They have no families and no homes. What they *do* have are wings that allow them to fly. When Fang gets kidnapped, her friends set off to save her. Will they be able to defeat the half-human, half-wolf Erasers and save Fang?

❑ ***The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi (fiction)**

Thirteen-year-old Charlotte Doyle is excited to return home from her school in England to her family in Rhode Island in the summer of 1832. But when the two families she was supposed to travel with mysteriously cancel their trips, Charlotte finds herself the lone passenger on a long sea voyage with a cruel captain and a mutinous crew. Worse yet, soon after stepping aboard the ship, she becomes enmeshed in a conflict between them! What begins as an eagerly anticipated ocean crossing turns into a harrowing journey, where Charlotte gains a villainous enemy and is put on trial for murder! (Summary from Scholastic Book Wizard- scholastic.com/teacher)

❑ ***El Deafo* by Cece Bell (nonfiction)**

In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful and very awkward hearing aid. The Phonic Ear gives Cece the ability to hear (including some things she wasn't intended to hear), but it also isolates her from her classmates. She really just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her as she is. (Summary from Scholastic Book Wizard- scholastic.com/teacher)

❑ ***Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling (fiction)**

Though Harry's first year at Hogwarts is the best of his life, not everything is perfect. There is a dangerous secret object hidden within the castle walls, and Harry believes it's his responsibility to prevent it from falling into evil hands. But doing so will bring him into contact with forces more terrifying than he ever could have imagined. (Summary from Scholastic Book Wizard- scholastic.com/teacher)

❑ ***True Legend* by Mike Lupica (fiction)**

There's a reason teammates call him "True." Because for basketball phenom Drew Robinson, there is nothing more true than his talent on the court. It's the kind that comes along once in a generation and is loaded with perks—and with problems. Before long, True buys in to his own hype, much to the chagrin of his mother, who wants to keep her boy's head grounded—and suddenly trouble has a way of finding him. That is, until a washed-up former playground legend steps back onto the court and takes True under his wing. (Summary from Penguin-Random House Publishing)

❑ ***Heat* by Mike Lupica (fiction)**

Michael Arroyo has a pitching arm that throws serious heat. But his firepower is nothing compared to the heat Michael faces in his day-to-day life. Newly orphaned after his father led the family's escape from Cuba, Michael's only family is his seventeen-year-old brother Carlos. If Social Services hears of their situation, they will be separated in the foster-care system—or worse, sent back to Cuba. Together, the boys carry on alone, dodging bills and anyone who asks too many questions. But then someone wonders how a twelve-year-old boy could possibly throw with as much power as Michael Arroyo throws. With no way to prove his age, no birth certificate, and no parent to fight for his cause, Michael's secret world is blown wide open, and he discovers that family can come from the most unexpected sources. (Summary from Penguin-Random House Publishing)

❑ ***Horizon* by Scott Westerfield (fiction)**

Eight kids survive a plane crash that lands them in the middle of a jungle. With little food and water, their only chance for survival is to work together. Will they be able to overcome their differences and get out of the jungle? Read this supernatural story and find out.

❑ ***All Alone in the Universe* by Lynne Rae Perkins (fiction)**

When her best friend since the third grade starts acting as though Debbie doesn't exist, Debbie finds out the hard way that life can be a lonesome place. But in the end the heroine of this wryly funny coming-of-age story—a girl who lives in a house covered with stuff that is supposed to look like bricks but is just a fake brick pattern—discovers that even the hourly tragedies of junior high school can have silver linings, just as a house covered with Insul-Brick can protect a real home. This first novel shines—fun, engrossing, bittersweet, and wonderfully unpredictable. (Summary from Harper-Collins Publishing)

❑ ***The Wave* by Todd Strasser (fiction)**

The Wave is based on a true incident that occurred in a high school history class in Palo Alto, California, in 1969. The powerful forces of group pressure that pervaded many historic movements such as Nazism are recreated in the classroom when history teacher Burt Ross introduces a "new" system to his students. And before long "The Wave," with its rules of "strength through discipline, community, and action," sweeps from the classroom through the entire school. And as most of the students join the movement, Laurie Saunders and David Collins recognize the frightening momentum of "The Wave" and realize they must stop it before it's too late. (Summary from Barnes and Noble website)

❑ ***The 39 Clues: Book One – The Maze of Bones* by Rick Riordan (fiction)**

The Cahills are the most powerful family in the world. When Grace Cahill dies, her grandchildren, Amy and Dan, are given a choice: they can receive one million dollars or the opportunity to solve the long-standing family mystery. Dan wants to take the money and buy baseball cards. Amy, however, convinces him they should solve the mystery. They are given an envelope that contains a clue. They have no idea how their lives will be changed forever.

❑ ***When Zachary Beaver Came to Town* by Kimberly Willis Holt (fiction)**

Toby Wilson is a 13-year old boy living a tough life. His mom leaves him, and his best friend's brother has been killed. Then a boy named Zachary Beaver moves to town. As the two boys become friends, things begin to turn around for Toby.

Tackling School Summer Reading Lists

The following tips are recommendations that can be found on the PBS website for parents to make sure that the summer reading requirements go smoothly. You can locate this information on www.pbs.org/parents/education/reading-language/reading-tips/tackling-school-summer-reading-lists.

- **Create a reading plan with your child.** Using a calendar, help your child make a schedule for summer reading. Helping your child plan ahead and stick to the schedule will help him avoid leaving his reading until the last few days of summer.
- **Set aside a consistent time each day for reading.** Depending on your family's schedule, reading time might be in the morning, afternoon or before bed. Whatever time you choose, stick to it, but also remember that flexibility around trips and special family events is OK.
- **Alternate required reading with your child's own choices.** Your child will be more motivated to read when she has the opportunity to select some of her own reading.
- **Read books together and discuss them.** You can read aloud together by taking turns by page, or you can get two copies of the book and each read silently. In either case, tell your child what you are thinking as you read and ask your child questions about what he reads. By reading together, you help your child to understand what he reads and motivate him to read by demonstrating that you enjoy sharing ideas about books.
- **Find audio books if your child is struggling.** By listening to books on tape and discussing them with you, your child will learn new vocabulary and information. If audio books are not feasible, read required books aloud to your child and discuss them together. At the same time, help your child to find books at a comfortable level so she gets practice reading herself.

Summer Reading books are available at the Mansfield Public Library. In addition, many of the titles can be downloaded to the audio or e-book form. The Mansfield Public Library is part of the SAILS network where additional copies of these books can be requested. Many audio versions can also be found on youtube.com.

In addition, the following bookmark with reading strategies can be used as a help for your child.

<p style="text-align: center;">QUESTIONING STEMS</p> <p>Make a Prediction I predict... I think that... Since this happened (fill in detail), then I bet the next thing that is going to happen is... Reading this part makes me think that this (fill in detail) is about to happen.</p> <p>Ask a Question Why did... What's this part about... What would happen if... Do you think that... Who is... I don't get this part...</p> <p>Clarify Something Oh, I get it... Now I understand... No, I think it means... I agree with you. This means... At first, I thought (fill in details), but now I think... This part is really saying...</p> <p>Make a comment This is good because... This is hard because... I like the part where... I don't like this part because... My favorite part so far is... I think that...</p> <p>Make a Connection This is just like a book I read... This reminds me of... I saw a movie once about something like this...</p>

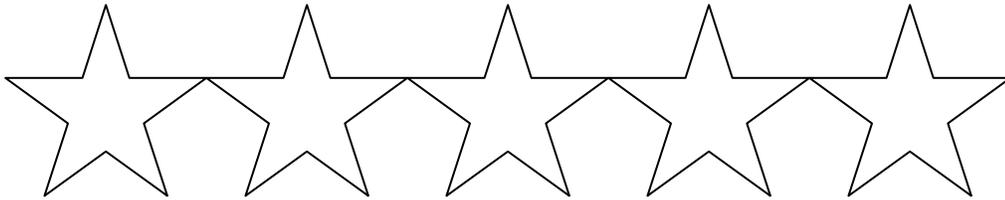
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Text Coding Symbols</u></p> <p>✓ I agree</p> <p>✗ I disagree</p> <p>? I have a question</p> <p>! This is interesting!</p> <p>* This seems very important</p>
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SUMMER READING RATING CHART

NAME: _____

1. WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK THIS SUMMER (TITLE AND AUTHOR)?

RATE THAT BOOK BY COLORING IN 1 TO 5 STARS. (1 = DIDN'T LOVE IT 5 = LOVED IT!)



IN THE SPACE BELOW, WRITE WHAT YOU THINK IS THE MESSAGE OF THE NOVEL.

WHAT OTHER BOOKS DID YOU READ THIS SUMMER? RATE THEM AS WELL!

1. _____	
2. _____	
3. _____	
4. _____	

Summer Reading BINGO

Name: _____

My goal is to read _____ times a week for _____ minutes each time.

read to a pet	read outside	read by yourself	read to a family member	read for longer than usual
draw a picture of what you read	read on a family trip	read to someone on the phone	read on a Saturday	read to a sibling or friend
read while snuggling	read with a bowl of ice cream	free!	read to a stuffed animal	read without being asked
read in your swim suit	read under the covers	read before breakfast	read in the car	read your favorite book again
read in a funny voice	swap a book with a friend	read twice in one day	read a book someone else picks	read a book that became a movie

Bingo Prize: _____ Blackout Prize: _____

