Summer Reading 6th Grade

Below you will find the summer reading book list for 2015-2016 incoming sixth grade students. Parents, although your child is now reading independently, it is important that you continue to play a role in supporting their summer reading adventures. It is recommended that you set aside reading time and discuss the book your child is reading. Important topics of discussion include tone, theme, mood, author's point of view, and comparisons in the same genre. In discussing the book ensure that your child can support their comments with evidence from the text. Discuss figurative language such as metaphors and similes. You could even have your child complete a project based on the story you are reading.

Summer Reading List:

- *Homer Price,* by Robert McCloskey
- *City of Fire,* by Laurence Yep
- *Fly High: The Story of Bessie Coleman,* by Louise Borden
- *Almost Home,* by Joan Bauer
- *Annie Glover is Not a Tree Lover,* by Darleen Bailey Beard
- *Out of My Mind,* by Sharon Draper
- *The Boston Tea Party,* by Russell Freedman
- *The Star of Kazon,* by Eva Ibbotson
- *Annie and Helen,* by Deborah Hopkinson
- *Chomp,* by Carl Hiaasen
- *The Doll with the Yellow Star,* by Yona Zeldis McDonough
- *Rules,* by Cynthia Lord
- *Dog Days,* by David Lubar
- *An Elephant in the Garden,* by Michael Morpurgo
- *13 Gifts,* by Wendy Mass
- *Captain Nobody,*
- *Captain Nobody,* by Dean Pitchford
- *Woodsong,* by Gary Paulsen
- *Wonder,* by R.J. Polacio
- *True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle,* by Avi

Ideas for a book based project:

- Create a film poster: Imagine your book has been made into a movie. Create a poster that shows something significant about the plot, tone, and/or theme of the story while simultaneously attracting a big audience.
- Design a CD cover and a playlist for your book: If your book's characters and themes reminded you of songs you love, go ahead and use the inspiration to create your project. Design a CD cover that relates to your book, and in the CD booklet include reasons you chose each song (how they related to the story's characters, plot, theme, tone).
- Write your own ending: If you were the author, how would you rewrite the ending of your selected book?
- Make a mini-movie about your book: If you're lucky enough to have advanced movie making software (like iMovie, for instance) on your computer, make your masterpiece there. If not, don't worry; use your phone to video. If you have Windows, chances are you have Movie Maker without even knowing about it. It's free and simple to use and has enough features that you can create a pretty cool project. Choose this project if you dream about being the next Steven Spielberg.

