

HMS - 6TH GRADE

Recommended Summer Reading - 2018



It is recommended that incoming 6th graders read two books: one book from the fiction list and one book from the nonfiction list. From the nonfiction list, students who will take Enriched Language Arts (ELA) should choose from one of the books marked with an asterisk. Students in Standard Language Arts (LA) may choose any book from the nonfiction list. All students will complete an assignment based on summer reading upon returning to school in the fall.

Fiction List

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix

In a future where the Population Police enforce a law limiting a family to two children, Luke has lived his 12 years in isolation, until another "third" convinces him the government is wrong.

Trash by Andy Mulligan

A group of fourteen-year-old boys, who make a living picking garbage from the outskirts of a large city, find something special and mysterious that brings terrifying consequences.

When Friendship Followed Me Home

by Paul Griffin

Seventh-grader Ben, always an outsider, is led into a deep friendship with Halley, who is being treated for cancer, by the special dog he and his adoptive mother take in.

Nonfiction List

Human Body Theater by Maris Wicks

A nonfiction graphic novel that looks at the eleven systems of the human body: **skeletal, muscular, respiratory, cardiovascular, digestive, excretory, endocrine, reproductive, immune and nervous.**

**** *I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up For Education and Changed the World*** (Young Readers Edition) by Malala Yousafzai

Malala describes her fight for education for girls under Taliban rule, the support she received from her parents to pursue an education, and how the Taliban retaliated against her by trying to kill her.

**** *The Port Chicago 50*** by Steve Sheinkin

Describes the fifty black sailors who refused to work in unsafe and unfair conditions after an explosion in Port Chicago killed 320 servicemen, and how the incident influenced civil rights.

World Without Fish by Mark Kurlansky

Describes what is happening to fish, the oceans, and the environment in the early 21st century, explaining how commonly-consumed fish are disappearing and the impact of overfishing on the oceans.

SUMMER READING FICTION NOTE-TAKING ORGANIZER

One of the best ways to remember the plot of a book is to take notes along the way. Use the organizer to record information about the plot and characters so that you can remember your summer reading book when you return to school in the fall.

YOUR TEACHER WILL NOT COLLECT THIS ORGANIZER. IT IS AN OPTIONAL TOOL TO HELP YOU WITH A SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT WHEN YOU RETURN TO SCHOOL.

Characters:

Main and Secondary Characters' Names	Relationship to Other Characters (brother, friend, neighbor, teacher, etc.)	Character Traits	Examples from story that support the trait

MAIN Conflicts and Problems in the Story

Main Conflicts/Problems in the Story	Resolutions/Solutions to the Conflicts/Problems

Theme(s) in the Story

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Additional Notes:

