



Welcome to 6th Grade! Lilburn Middle School Summer Reading Assignment

We are looking forward to the up-coming school year. All rising 6th grade students are required to read at least one novel during the summer.

Dear LMS Families,

The 6th grade Language Arts teachers are looking forward to enriching the lives of students through reading and writing. We will begin this journey by having all rising 6th grade students read one novel over the summer vacation. The chosen novel will be discussed and instructionally aligned with activities related to the Language Arts grade level AKS. This year we will use a book club format to engage and prepare students for Literary AKS items that they will encounter during the school year to enhance critical thinking skills and further develop reading and writing. This will be done through choice reading in a Book Club Format. Students will engage in the text, through teacher and peer led discussions, mini lessons, and written activities.

You can obtain the novel through your public library, local bookstore, online stores such as Amazon.com, Half.com, or even on your electronic reader i.e. Kindle, Nook, or a smartphone. Please secure the book early so that students have plenty of time to read and become familiar with the book.

Let's begin the 2018-19 school year as readers and writers!

Book Title	Genre
Booked by Kwame Alexander Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.	Sports
Some Kind of Happiness by Claire Legrand Finley Hart is sent to her grandparents' house for the summer, but her anxiety and overwhelmingly sad days continue until she escapes into her writings, which soon turn mysteriously real, and she realizes she must save this magical world in order to save herself.	Fantasy

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<p>Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan</p> <p>Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined in a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica. Decades later three children, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California, find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny in the darkest days of the twentieth century, struggling to keep their families intact, and tied together by the music of the same harmonica.</p>	Historical Fiction
<p>The Screaming Staircase; Book 1 of Lockwood & Co. by Jonathan Stroud</p> <p>Follows three young operatives of a psychic detection agency as they battle an epidemic of ghosts in London.</p>	Horror
<p>Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson</p> <p>Tired of being singled out at her mostly-white private school as someone who needs support, high school junior Jade would rather participate in the school's amazing Study Abroad program than join Women to Women, a mentorship program for at-risk girls.</p>	Realistic Fiction
<p>Wonder by R. J. Palacio</p> <p>Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunts and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.</p>	Realistic Fiction
<p>Ungifted by Gordon Korman</p> <p>Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.</p>	Humor
<p>I am Malala: how one girl stood up for education and changed the world by Malala Yousafzai</p> <p>Malala Yousafzai's 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.</p>	Non-Fiction
<p>Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan</p> <p>Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.</p>	Historical Fiction

Summer Reading Notes and Noticings

Theme

Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments. (AKS 2)

Characterization

Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution. (AKS 3)

Word Choice

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. (AKS 4)

Plot Development

Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot. (AKS 5)

Tone and Mood

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. (AKS 4)