

Dear 6th Grade Middle School Parents and Students,

As you head into your exciting summer filled with camps, vacations, parties, swimming, and friends, I encourage you to take some summer reading with you! The more you read, the better!

That being said, when you return to school in the fall, you will be expected to have read at least **two** books during the summer. The writing portion is **due by August 1st**.

After you have read both books, go to the link below to submit a 500-word response by August 1st: [6th grade summer reading assignment](#) (Located on the Middle School link under documents).

Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart

When you read, you should pay attention to the main characters, various settings, plots, and themes presented in the book. You will be doing some writing assignments in class over both books.

In addition to the books you choose from the reading list, please continue reading all summer. At this age, reading levels and interests widely vary. Therefore, I always encourage parents to look at these selections with your child when they are choosing. Focus on the Family has a wonderful website with hundreds of book reviews from a Christian perspective! I encourage you to visit commonsensemedia.org or pluggedin.com to preview books before your child reads them. In some cases, you may want to read the book with your child and discuss difficult topics, and don't dismiss reading aloud to each other. They are NOT too old! No matter what they choose to read for pleasure, it is important to simply get them reading. A short, easy read can spark an interest and encourage reluctant readers to keep reading. You can never read too many books! Thank you for your support. I hope you enjoy your summer reading. See you in August!

Sincerely,

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