Dear Parents,

As your child enters sixth grade, one objective is to continue developing and nurturing a love of reading. Your child will need to read three novels this summer to fulfill the sixth grade summer reading assignment. The required reading of *The Boys in the Boat* by James Daniel Brown, one book from the curriculum list, and one book of the student’s choice will fulfill the sixth grade reading requirement. (Please don’t feel they have to stop at three; encourage them to read as many as possible!) A personal copy of *The Boys in the Boat* will be provided to each student by the school. Students should choose one book of interest from the Curriculum Novel list. This list contains books from each discipline associated with units studied in our sixth grade curriculum. Attached to this letter is a second list providing categories with the names of authors that have written excellent stories which should appeal to all types of readers’ interests. Students may refer to this list for help in choosing their third required book. Your child should choose books not previously read. Upon the completion of each book the student should print and use the form attached to write a Summer Reading Book Review. If you do not have access to a printer, please answer the questions on notebook paper and add the required signatures at the bottom of your page. Fulfilling the summer reading assignment is a 100 point grade in sixth grade. Completing and turning in this requirement by the listed date enables every student the opportunity to begin the new school year with a perfect average in Reading!

A parent or guardian signature on the book review verifies that you saw your child reading the books and that, to the best of your knowledge; your child completed the book. Your child’s signature means that she/he read all of each book chosen and completed the Summer Reading Book Review for each book read.

Return the book list form with the book reviews attached to Mrs. Irwin on or before

**August 22, 2016.**

**Enjoy your summer and Happy Reading!**

Thank you,

Mrs. Irwin

**Curriculum Novel Choices**

*The Egypt Game* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder  
*The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan (if you have read this book you may continue the series)  
*Every Soul a Star* by Wendy Mass  
*The Wright 3* by Blue Balliett  
*The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis
Mysteries:
Franklin Dixon
Carolyn Keene
Nancy Springer
Shane Peacock

Outdoors/Nature/Animals:
Jack London
Gary Paulsen
Jean Craighead George
Fred Gipson
Will Hobbs

Sports:
Thomas Dygward
Matt Christopher
John Feinstein
Tim Green
Mike Lupica

Fantasy/Science Fiction:
Brian Jacques
J.K. Rowling
C.S. Lewis
Lois Lowry
Margaret Haddix
Suzanne Collins
Eoin Colfer
Roald Dahl
Anne Ursu
Joseph Delany
Shannon Hale
Brandon Mull
Angie Sage

Humor:
Andrew Clements
Beverly Cleary

Nonfiction
Steve Sheinkin
Russell Freedman
Phillip Hoose
Candace Fleming
Albert Marrin
Jim Murphy

Modern Fiction:
Janette Oke
Jennifer Ailsion
Ally Carter
Lois Lowry
Jerry Spinnelli
Cynthia Voigt
Cynthia Lord
Richard Peck
Caroline Cooney
Wilson Rawls

Adventure:
Louis Sacher
Roland Smith
Kenneth Oppel
Lemony Snickett
Anthony Horowitz

Historical Fiction:
Margaret Mitchell
Jean Fritz
Irene Hunt
Mildred Taylor
Lois Lowry
Avi
Richard Peck
Laurie Halse Anderson
Karen Cushman
Jennifer Holm

Biographies/Autobiographies:
Books written by or about people or time eras of interest to you.

The following books are novels read in class. Please DO NOT read one of these books as one of your summer reading choices.

1. Peak
2. Wednesday Wars
3. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
4. Titanic: Voices from the Disaster
Summer Reading Book Review

Student's Name: ____________________________________________

Title of Book: ______________________________________________

Author: ____________________________________________________

Summary of Novel:

Favorite Character in the novel? ________________________________

Why? _______________________________________________________

Would you recommend this book to a friend? ____________________

Why or why not? _____________________________________________

Parent Signature ____________________________________________

Student Signature ___________________________________________