



Dear Families,

Did you know that many students experience a decline in reading proficiency over the summer months? Fortunately, we can combat this through keeping our children engaged with books, ensuring they continue to grow academically.

This summer, your child will be embarking on a summer reading journey. Attached, you will find the details of this requirement. Remember, the primary goal is for your child to develop a lifelong love of reading.

Please note that Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes cannot be completed over the summer. However, students will have the opportunity to take tests upon their return during the first week of school. While these points will not contribute to their first nine-week goal, they will count towards the total for the 2024-2025 school year.

I wish you all a wonderful summer, filled with lots of amazing books. Remember to read at least 20 minutes each day. I look forward to hearing about what books you read!

Jacquelyn Conover

Plant St. Principal

## 6th Grade Summer Reading

All students entering 6th grade are required to select one book from the Required Reading Book list below. The selected books are developmentally appropriate and intended to enhance student reading. It is our desire that students will continue to see themselves and others represented in texts and use literacy as a vehicle for growth.

This summer, please **CHOOSE ONE** of the following books:

### Save Me a Seat

By: Sara Weeks

- Classmates Ravi, newly arrived from India and used to being a star student, and Joe, who's shy and struggles in class, alternately tell the story of their first week of fifth grade. The coauthor is Gita Varadarajan.
- BL 4.8

### Ruby Holler

By: Sharon Creech

- Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage, but their lives change forever when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.
- BL 4.3

### The Lightning Thief (any from this series)

By: Rick Riordan

- Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods, where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. Book #1
- BL 4.7

### Where the Red Fern Grows

By: Wilson Rawls

- Billy Coleman works and saves to buy two red-bone hunting hounds while his grandfather provides him with support and lessons in growing up. The plot contains mild profanity and gore.
- BL 4.9

### The Candymakers

By: Wendy Mass

- When four twelve-year-olds, including Logan, who has grown up never leaving his parents' Life Is Sweet candy factory, compete in the Confectionary Association's annual contest, they unexpectedly become friends and uncover secrets about themselves. Book 1
- BL 5.0

### The Candymakers and the Great Chocolate Chase

By: Wendy Mass

- When presented with the chance to go on tour to promote the new candy, Logan, Miles, Philip, and Daisy have very different reasons for hitting the road. Book 2
- BL 5.2

The Penderwicks (any from the series)

By: Jeanne Birdsall

- While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother. Book #1
- BL 4.7

The Moffats

By: Elenor Estes

- Living in Cranbury on New Dollar Street, having a mother who could make both ends just meet and have fun doing it, and being one of a family of four children is a rich, adventurous existence for the Moffat children.
- BL 5.2

Front Desk (any from the series)

By: Kelly Yang

- Ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents are recent immigrants from China and desperate for work and money. When they take a job managing a rundown motel in Southern California, Mia works the front desk and tries to cope with demanding customers.
- BL 4.5
- There are three books in this series: Front Desk, Room to Dream, and Three Keys

The Unwanteds (any from the series)

By: Lisa McMann

- In a society that purges thirteen-year-olds who are creative, identical twins Aaron and Alex are separated, one to attend University while the other, supposedly Eliminated, finds himself in a wondrous place where youths learn magic. Book #1
- BL 5.7

Tumble and Blue

By: Cassie Beasley

- When the red moon rises over the heart of the Okefenokee Swamp, legend says that the mysterious golden gator, Munch, will grant a great fate to the poor soul foolish enough to face him.
- BL 4.8

Summer Ball

By: Mike Lupica

- Thirteen-year-old Danny must prove himself all over again for a disapproving coach and against new rivals at a summer basketball camp.
- BL 5.3

City Spies (any from the series)

By: James Ponti

- Sara Martinez is facing years in the juvenile detention system for hacking into the foster care computer system to prove that her foster parents are crooks. She gets a second chance when a mysterious man offers her a chance to join a group of spies. #1
- BL 5.6

The Tripods: The White Mountains (any book from the series)

By: John Christopher

- Monstrous machines rule the Earth, but a few humans are fighting back for freedom in this repackaged start to a classic 1960's alien trilogy.
- BL 6.2

A Wrinkle in Time

By: Madeleine L'Engle

- Meg Murry and her family receive a surprise visit from an unearthly stranger out of another dimension in time. Book #1
- BL 4.7

King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table

By: Roger Lancelyn Green

- The exciting and age-old legends of King Arthur and the knights of his court at Camelot are among the best-loved stories in the English language. In this version, you can read the tales of Sir Launcelot, Sir Gareth, Sir Tristram, and Sir Galahad.
- BL 7.7

A Duet for Home

By: Karina Yan Glaser

- At first, June can't believe it: her new home is a homeless shelter. When she's told she can't bring her cherished viola inside, she's convinced the worst luck in the world landed her at Huey House.
- BL 5.1

**After reading**, you are required to complete an assignment. Attached you will find a follow-up activity titled "Sketch Notes". **Follow the detailed instructions on the assignment. The assignment must meet the bulleted criteria.**

- A minimum of 5 powerful quotes
- A minimum of 3 illustrations/visual representations to represent important moments from the text
- A minimum of 4 adjectives used in the book to describe main characters or the setting
- Anything else you would like to include to make your notes creative and powerful
- COLOR and DETAIL

The first week of school, you will be asked to turn in your "Sketch Notes" for a grade as well as a Casual Day coupon. In addition, you will also have a raffle ticket entered into our Summer Reading Gift card prize.

**If you choose** to read more than one book from this list and complete "Sketch Notes", you will receive an additional raffle ticket for each submission!

Scholar Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

## Sketch Notes

Follow the directions below to complete sketchnotes for one of the books you read this summer on a separate sheet of paper.

Sketch notes should include:

- a minimum of 5 powerful quotes
- a minimum of 3 illustrations/visual representations to represent important moments from the text
- a minimum of 4 adjectives used in the book to describe main characters or the setting
- anything else you would like to include to make your notes creative and powerful
- color and detail

How  
to draw

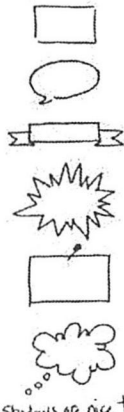
## SKETCHNOTES

Sketchnotes are NOT  
comics or illustrated text.  
They are visual guides. Follow  
these steps to get started.

### 1. PICK A PATTERN

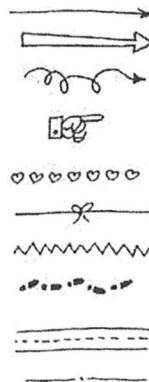


### 2. CHOOSE SOME FRAMES

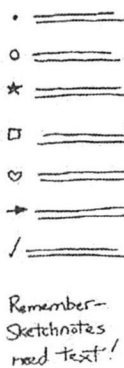


Shadows are nice too!

### 3. SELECT CONNECTORS AND SEPARATORS



### 4. PICK SOME BULLETS



Remember—  
Sketchnotes  
need text!

### 5. DECIDE ON FONTS

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