



Dear Parents,

Another school year has come to an end! I'm sure that as parents of rising sixth graders, it must seem amazing that your child is already preparing to enter Middle School. I hope that you and your child are anticipating the upcoming year as much as I am! In preparation for the upcoming year, I am sending home information regarding this year's summer reading assignment. The 6th grade curriculum at BCS is highly literature based and summer reading will prepare your student for the work that we will be doing in class next year. Your student will be reading two books over the summer and completing a project, which is due during the first week of school. This project will be graded and counts as the first test grade of the new school year. I hope you have a wonderful summer and I look forward to working with you in the upcoming year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Noel

Complete the following assignments by Friday, August 25th, 2017. No late assignments will be accepted for credit.

- **Reading assignment 1:** Choose one book from the list and complete the assignment following the example of *Three Times Lucky* below:

Three Times Lucky: by Sheila Turnage

- As you read the book selected from the list, please find one vocabulary word in each chapter that is new to you. Write down each vocabulary word, the page number on which it was found, its dictionary definition, and a new sentence using the vocabulary word. You should end up with about 30 new vocabulary words.

Example: eerie (pg. 77): Causing fear or uneasiness because of strangeness or gloominess.
New Sentence: The light cast an eerie shadow in the hallway.

Book choices for assignment 1:

Three Times Lucky by Sheila Turnage
A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen
Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

- **Reading assignment 2:** Read *Maniac Magee* and complete the assignment as follows.

Maniac Magee: by Jerry Spinelli

- As you read *Maniac Magee*, please make a list of 10 characters in the story, and choose one adjective to describe each of their personalities (not their appearance). Then, support the adjective that you have chosen with a specific example and page number from the book.

Example:

Character: Mr. Beale

Adjective: Kind

Example: Mr. Beale takes Maniac back to his house when he realizes the boy has no home.

- **Please see the attached list for additional reading suggestions.**

ADDITIONAL SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

One for the Murphys by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Pax by Sara Pennypacker
Canterwood Crest – Take the Reins by Jessica Burkhart
Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine
Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare
This Song will Save your Life
Making the Cut (Chloe by Design) by Margaret Gurevich
Backlash by Sarah Darer Littman
Doll Bones by Holly Black
The False Prince by Jennifer A. Nielsen
Fast Break by Mike Lupica
The Thing about Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin
Legend by Marie Lu
I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
Masterminds by Gordon Korman
Michael Vey – Prisoner of Cell 25 by Richard Paul Evans
Stupid Fast by Geoff Herbach
The Testing by Joelle Charbonneau
Lies I Told by Michelle Zink
The 5th Wave by Rick Yancey
Minrs by Kevin Sylvester
Booked by Kwame Alexander
The Fellowship of the Ring (The Lord of the Rings Part One) by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Paladin Prophecy by Mark Frost
The Ruins of Gorlan (Ranger's Apprentice) by John Flanagan
Victor Cruz – Out of the Blue by Victor Crus
Wilder Boys by Brandon Wallace
Dragon by Christopher Paolini
Once was a Time Leila Sales
Read Between the Lines Jo Knowles
Until Friday Night by Abbi Glines
The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
The Finisher by David Baldacci
House Arrest by K.A. Holt
Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard
Brushko by Bruce Olsen