

Rye Middle School Sixth Grade Summer Reading

June 2020

Dear Rye Middle School Students, Parents, and Guardians:

Welcome to the sixth grade! To celebrate the power of literature and to create a stronger middle school community, all students entering sixth grade will be required to read at least two (2) books this summer. The goal of our reading program is to provide both students and teachers an opportunity to discuss literature and to create an atmosphere that will foster a love of reading. Students entering Grade 6 may select their own literature for their summer reading. Please follow these guidelines:

- The books should be on students' "best fit" level.
- The books should be literature the student has not previously read.

We encourage the guidance of a parent or other adult family member in the selection of the summer reading novels. Literature selections may be either fiction or nonfiction. If students are uncertain about which novel to choose, please look at the titles on the following page that have been suggested by sixth grade students, teachers, and our middle school librarian. The Rye Free Reading Room is also an excellent resource for book suggestions, lists of award-winning books, and exciting summer reading programs and prizes. Students can log their reading on the library's READsquared app to earn prizes and share book reviews. Visit the website for help borrowing e-books too. [Click here](#) for access to their summer reading website.

During early September, sixth graders will have the opportunity to discuss their summer reading choices in class. Students will showcase understanding of their summer reading novels through group discussions and creative activities focusing on each novel's content. In order to help students feel confident and prepared for our classwork, they should take some notes on each reading selection. Notes on the books should focus on:

- Information on the main character(s), and topics
- Setting (time and place)
- The main problem (conflict) of the story and key events
- The solution to the problem
- The life lesson the author is trying to teach (theme)

We wish you a summer of happy reading!

Grade 6 Language Arts teachers

List of Suggested Titles for 6th Grade Students

- Took by Mary Downing Hahn
- To Night Owl from Dogfish by Holly Goldberg Sloan and Meg Wolitzer
- Watch Hollow by Gregory Funaro
- Refugee by Alan Gratz
- Wish Tree by Katherine Applegate
- School for Good and Evil by Soman Chainani
- Rise of Elgen (Michael Vey) by Richard Paul Evans
- Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks
- Rain Reign by Ann Martin
- The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
- Gods of Manhattan by Scott Mebus
- One Crazy Summer by Rita-Williams Garcia
- Night Hoops by Carl Deuker
- The Rivalry by John Feinstein
- Wings of Fire Series by Tui T.Sutherland
- The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan
- The Kingdom Keepers by Ridley Pearson
- Half Brother by Kenneth Oppel
- Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea
- Doll Bones by Holly Black
- Ms. Bixby's Last Day by John David Anderson
- All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook by Leslie Connor

The above list is simply to suggest titles. You are allowed to read any book you wish as long as it is on your “best fit” level.