

Summer Reading Program

Dear Parents of my Future 6th Grade ELA Class,

For our **Summer Reading Program**, I am asking my new 6th grade students to read at least one of the books listed below. Reading and the Accelerated Reader Program is a very important part of my curriculum. The Accelerated Reader Program has proven to be an exceptional method of increasing your child's reading level. I have seen students in my class go from a 4th grade reading level at the beginning of the year to a 7th, 8th or higher grade reading level by the end of the 6th grade. The added benefit they get is the love of reading a good book. The summer is a great way to get a "head start" on reading books for this program. **In my class, this is a graded activity. To achieve 100%, your child must read 3 books on their reading level and pass 3 Accelerated Reader tests with a 70% or above OR earn at least 10 points every 9 weeks.** Other incentives for earning AR points are the prizes and a field trip for being a member of the 50 point club.

Thanks, Sue Olah

Below are some guidelines to readers that may have trouble reading a chapter book.

1. Read the book.
2. As you read the book, stop at the end of each chapter and write a brief summary (1 sentence long – who did what, when they did it, where they did it...) of the chapter. This will help you remember details when taking the Accelerated Reader test in August. Tip: Use the summary sheet folded hotdog as a bookmark.
 - a. This will also help you:
 - i. Learn to concentrate as you read
 - ii. Learn to take notes as you read
 - iii. Remember what the story was about later
 - b. Number the summaries according to chapters.

My class this year has suggested the following books as "Good Reads" to read this summer:

Woods Runner, by Gary Paulsen

My Side of the Mountain, by Jean Craighead George

One Crazy Summer, by Rita Williams Garcia

Maniac Magee, by Jerry Spinelli

Firestorm, by John Harlo

A Year Down Yonder, by Rickard Peck

Ungifted, by Gordon Korman

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, by J. K. Rowling

Lincoln's Grave Robbers, by Steve Sheinkin

The Ghost of Graylock, by Dan Poblocki

Ruby Holler, by Sharon Creech

The Lightning Thief, by Rick Riordan

A Dog's Journey, by W. Bruce Cameron

A Week in the Woods, by Andrew Clements

Esperanza Rising, by Pam Munoz Ryan

Loser, by Jerry Spinelli

Stranded, by Jeff Probst

Old Wolf, by Avi

Public School Superhero, by James Patterson

Red Thread Sisters, by Carol Anotinette Peacock

All of these books can be found in the Livingston Parish Library.