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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The middle school years are critical in the development of lifelong reading enjoyment. The State Education Department recommends that all middle school students read a minimum of 25 books each year to achieve fluent literacy. The summer reading program is designed to encourage reading for pleasure and to help students develop and maintain reading proficiency. **All incoming Sixth Graders to Iroquois Middle School are expected to read AT LEAST one book from the 6th grade reading list (below) during the summer break.** Your support and involvement in your child's summer reading is encouraged.

Thank you - your support makes a real difference!

Happy Reading,

Linda Whalen and Michelle Webb

6th grade ELA teachers

Book report expectations

The final copy may be handwritten or typed, and should be carefully edited.

1st paragraph- Describe the main character using specific details from the book. Include identifying information such as age, gender, physical description, where and when the character lives and personality traits. Provide the title and author of this book in this paragraph.

2nd paragraph- Describe in detail, the book's setting. What is life for the people who live in this time and place? What is the character's life like? Use specific examples and details from the story?

3rd paragraph- What is the character's main conflict (problem) in the story? How does the character deal with the conflict?

4th paragraph- explain how the conflict is resolved at the end of the book. Is the character pleased with the outcome? Did you like the ending?

Suggested Reading List for New 6th Graders 2020-2021

Roll with It, by Jamie Sumner
The Last Last-Day-of-Summer, by Lamar Giles
Caterpillar Summer, by Gillian McDunn
Hello, Universe, by Erin Entrada Kelly
Guts, by Raina Telgemeier
Small Spaces, by Katherine Arden
Front Desk, by Kelly Yang
Other Words for Home, by Jasmine Warga
Restart, by Gordon Korman
The Great Greene Heist, by Varian Johnson
Becoming Naomi León, by Pam Muñoz Ryan
The Fear Place, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Melting of Maggie Bean, by Tricia Rayburn
Mick Harte was Here, by Barbara Park
My Life in Pink and Green, by Lisa Greenwald
My Louisiana Sky, by Kimberly Willis Holt
The Secret Language of Girls, by Frances O'Roark Dowell
A Week in the Woods, by Andrew Clements
Dear America Series, by various authors
A Drowned Maiden's Hair: A Melodrama, by Laura Amy Schlitz
Homeless Bird, by Gloria Whelan
My Name is America Series, by various authors
Nory Ryan's Song, by Patricia Reilly Giff
A Single Shard, by Linda Sue Park
Something Upstairs, by Avi
Turtle in Paradise, by Jennifer L. Holm
11 Birthdays, by Wendy Mass
The Boggart, by Susan Cooper
Gregor the Overlander, by Suzanne Collins
Island of the Aunts, by Eva Ibbotson
The Lost Years of Merlin, by T.A. Barron
The One and Only Ivan, by Katherine Applegate
Redwall Series, by Brian Jacques
Secrets of Droon series, by Tony Abbott
The Door to Time, by Pierdomenico Baccalario
All the Lovely Bad Ones: A Ghost Story, by Mary Downing Hahn
Wait Till Helen Comes: A Ghost Story, by Mary Downing Hahn
The Eyes of the Amaryllis, by Natalie Babbitt
Who Was That Masked Man Anyway? by Avi
Maze of Bones (39 Clues Series, book #1), by Rick Riordan
Beardance, by Will Hobbs
Call Me Francis Tucket, by Gary Paulsen
The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp, by Rick Yancey
Far North, by Will Hobbs
Jason's Gold, by Will Hobbs
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, by Roald Dahl
The Great Brain, by John D. Fitzgerald
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key, by Jack Gantos
Knights of the Kitchen Table, by Jon Scieszka
Skinnybones, by Barbara Park

These books may be available in the public library system as well as at Barnes and Noble and Amazon.com.