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Dear 6th Grade Parent/Guardian,

With the end of the school year quickly upon us, we are making plans for summer vacation activities. However, while the summer months are a welcome opportunity for fun and relaxation for all, the break from academic activities often causes students to experience a lag in learning upon returning to school in the fall.

In an effort to lessen this effect, ACES is requiring incoming sixth, seventh, and eighth graders to read books from the attached reading list. Credit will be awarded for all accomplished assignments. This program aims to help reduce the lag in academics by providing incentives for students to read over the summer.

Students must read two (2) age-appropriate books from the list (on the back of this letter) over the summer vacation and write a short summary, including a description of the characters, the setting (time and place) of the story, explanation of the plot (including conflict and theme), and a personal reaction to what they like or dislike about the book. Each report must be written in pen and in cursive OR typed (double space, 12-point Times New Roman font only). Students must put their full name and grade on the top of each assignment.

We hope that you will encourage your child to read during the summer months. Please look over your child's reading list and remind your child that reading is important, interactive, and fun! We hope that you will join us in this important effort and assist your child in these summer reading activities.

Thank you.

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Suggested Summer Reading List
Entering 6th grade

1. *Wolf rider* - Avi
2. *The Watson's Go to Birmingham* - Christopher Paul Curtis
3. *Baseball Fever* - Johanna Hurwitz
4. *My Side of the Mountain* - Jean Craighead George
5. *The Missing Gator of Gumbo Limbo* - Jean Craighead George
6. *The Giver* - Lois Lowry
7. *Not for a Billion Gazillion Dollars* - Paula Danziger
8. *The Music of the Dolphins* - Karen Hesse
9. *Poppy* - Avi
10. *Ruby Holler* - Sharon Creech
11. *A Single Shard* - Linda Sue Park
12. *The Great Gilly Hopkins* - Katherine Paterson
13. *Holes* - Louis Sachar
14. *Number the Stars* - Lois Lowry
15. *Face on the Milk Carton* - Caroline B. Cooney

**Please, do not read books that are not on this recommended/suggested reading list!!!!