

June 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians of Incoming 2021-2022 Sixth Graders,

Congratulations on the completion of another year at Blairstown Elementary School! We are looking forward to meeting your children and are excited to get to know them as readers and writers.

To ensure students hold onto and practice the reading strategies they mastered during their fifth grade year, we are asking them to complete the following reading assignment.

Over the course of the summer, each student is to read **one** of the books listed below. When we return to school in September, they will participate in book clubs, which will help build a strong community of readers and help us get to know our new 6th graders. These book club conversations will focus on the standards below:

- Determines main idea, key details, and a variety of story elements in order to summarize a text.
- Engages effectively in a range of collaborative and academic discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led).

Please visit your local library or bookstore to find the title your student has selected from the list. We look forward to meeting your child in September and hope that you have a wonderful summer filled with a lot of reading.

Here are the selections your child must choose from:

- White Bird (Graphic Novel) by R.J. Palacio
- Who Stole the Wizard of Oz by Avi
- 39 Clues: The Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan
- My Side of the Mountain by Jean Crieghead George

Happy Reading,
The Sixth Grade Team