

Summer Reading Assignment
Mrs. Yazvac - 6th Grade
2021 - 2022



Welcome to 6th Grade! (*Aren't you excited to be here?!!*)

*Please read and follow the directions below. (Yes, it is a lot to read. I talk a lot. So, I write a lot! That means, you will be listening and reading - **A LOT** - this year. This is me, talking to you! Please pay attention!*

~ Mrs. Yazvac (who will love you like a grandma once she gets to know you!)

A.) Choose 2 books from the list below. (Be sure you have not read or taken an AR test for either of the books you choose.)

1.) Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Spoiler: This Newberry Medal winner will make you cry. It is the story of two friends who spend their summer in an enchanted land they imagine in the woods near their homes. My 6th graders in the past have loved this book. I guess they just like to cry! The movie isn't anything like the book. My students did not like the movie at all!

2.) From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

by E. L. Konigsburg

This is a mystery and a Newberry Medal winner. (I am reading this book right now). It sounded interesting to me because the main character and her little brother run away and end up living in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. I love that place!

3.) The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks

This is an old one, and the first in a series, but it has always been a favorite of mine. It's full of magic and adventure. A mysterious key that belonged to a great-grandma (I love grandmas!) unlocks an old cupboard that can make toys come to life.

4.) Matilda by Roald Dahl

I loved this movie and the Broadway musical, but I am reading the book for the first time right now. Matilda is a little girl who has a rough time at home and at school. Her parents find her annoying and her principal is horrible! In spite of her circumstances, and with the help of a very loving teacher, she discovers just how wonderful (and magical) she is ***and triumphs in the end.***

5.) The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis

This Newberry Medal winner is a moving story about an African American family traveling to the south during very dangerous, and dark times. We will be studying the Civil Rights Movement in Social Studies class. This book covers some of what we will discuss in class. The true events are disturbing, but the way this loving family faces challenges is often funny and always heartwarming.

B.) Find a nice, quiet place to read.

C.) Read your selections.

Begin reading early in the summer so you can take your time. Hopefully, you have chosen books that you will enjoy.

D.) Send me a picture of you, reading your book, in a favorite spot.

Be creative with this. My email address is cyazvac@stmaryswv.org.

E.) Be ready to take the AR tests for each book during the first week of school.

F.) Keep a list of at least 10 new vocabulary words from each book.

Write the words and their definitions on paper and bring those to school on the first day of class. (Or, see another way to keep track of new vocabulary words in “Optional” activities below.)

****Optional Activities:** If you have a home computer and want to get a headstart on 6th grade, you may do the following. (This is not required.)

Go to libby.com with your library card number (if you cannot find your card or do not have one, you can get a library card by calling any library. The Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library will take your information and mail you a card.) You may access any library using **libby.com** and your library card number from that library. This allows you to take out online books to read on a device as well as audiobooks to listen to **for free!** There may be a waiting list for some selections. When you do receive your book, you have two weeks to finish before you must return the book or borrow it from the library again. You can read or listen to a book using a laptop, ipad, or your phone. If you do not open an online library account through libby.com this summer, you will do that at school in the fall. All 6th graders must have their library “shelf” with them at school to read for AR points whenever they have extra time. Students are required to earn 15 AR points during every 9 week grading period.

Go to Quizlet.com and open a free account. (Your parents can help you with this. Any of last year’s 6th graders will also know how to do this.) Please do not pay for anything. A free account works perfectly. We will use Quizlet all year to study for spelling and vocabulary tests.

Once you are in Quizlet, please **create a study set with your 10 vocabulary words for each book.** Quizlet will give you definitions to choose for each word. Choose the definition that fits the way the word was used in your book. I will look at your study sets when you come to school. If you were not able to do this over the summer, you will create your study set at school.

Again, **accessing libby.com and Quizlet this summer is not required**, but it is something we will all do when we are at school together. If you already have a libby account and Quizlet account when school begins, you will be able to **help your classmates** open and use their own accounts. *I am looking forward to seeing you in class!!*

