

NLACS INCOMING 6TH GRADE

SUMMER READING LIST

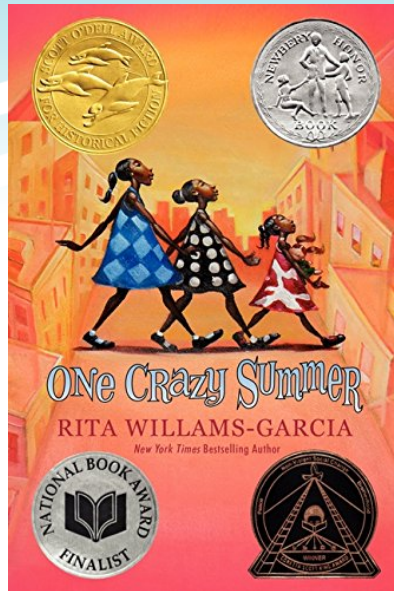
READ!!!

To celebrate the power of literature and to create a stronger middle school community, **all students entering sixth grade are required to read TWO novels this summer.** One required novel and a novel of your choice. Suggestions have been given on the back.

We believe that students improve their reading skills through practice, and there's no better experience than falling in love with a book on a lazy summer day.

Enclosed is your summer reading requirement and optional book list! You must read at least **TWO NOVELS**. Of course, we hope you will read many more than two books over the summer!

Your assignment will also include a **SUMMER READING TIME MANAGEMENT WORKSHEET**, which will detail your daily reading progress and **BOOK REPORT TEMPLATE** to be completed for **ONE** summer reading book. This will count as your first Humanities grade. What a great way to start off sixth grade! Happy reading!

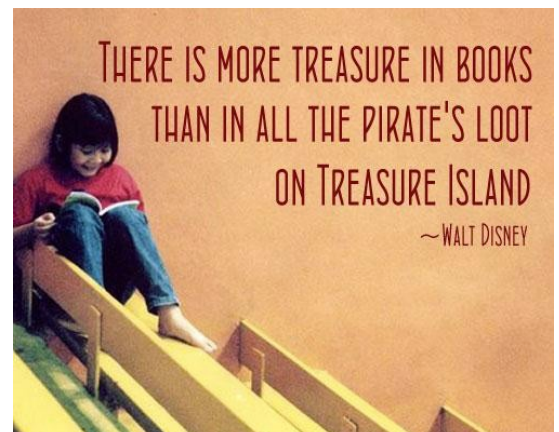


SUMMER READING

During the school year, our novels have different characters and adventures, but they share some common themes. These books deal with characters encountering prejudice and injustice and the struggle of an imperfect world, themes we will be exploring during sixth grade at New LA. Books can be found at your local public library, online, or at local bookstores.

Required Reading:

1. One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams Garcia
2. A novel of your choice! This may or may not be on grade-level, but must be at least **100 pages** long and be a novel!



Required Reading**One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia**

In this Newbery Honor novel, New York Times bestselling author Rita Williams-Garcia tells the story of three sisters who travel to Oakland, California, in 1968 to meet the mother who abandoned them.

Eleven-year-old Delphine is like a mother to her two younger sisters, Vonetta and Fern. She's had to be, ever since their mother, Cecile, left them seven years ago for a radical new life in California. When they arrive from Brooklyn to spend the summer with her, Cecile is nothing like they imagined. While the girls hope to go to Disneyland and meet Tinker Bell, their mother sends them to a day camp run by the Black Panthers. Unexpectedly, Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern learn much about their family, their country, and themselves during one truly crazy summer.

This moving, funny novel won the Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction and the Coretta Scott King Award and was a National Book Award Finalist.

“Your Choice” Novel Suggestions

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/6th-grade-reading-list>

<http://www.pragmaticmom.com/2011/10/favorite-book-90-6th-graders/>



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Easy Reads	Moderate Reads	Challenge Reads
Holes Lois Sachar	Island of the Blue Dolphins Scott O'Dell	The Giver Lois Lowry
Crash Jerry Spinelli	My Side of the Mountain Jean Craighead George	The Cay Theodore Taylor
Bridge to Terabithia Katherine Peterson	House of Dies Drear Virginia Hamilton	The Secret Garden Frances Hodgson Burnett
Indian in the Cupboard Lynne Reid Banks	Ben and Me Robert Lawson	Incredible Journey Sheila Burnford
Sign of the Beaver Elizabeth George Spear	Artemis Fowl Series Eoin Colfer	Series of Unfortunate Events Lemony Snicket
Dear Mr. Henshaw Beverly Cleary	The Cay Theodore Taylor	Crispin Avi
The Mixed up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankwiler	Eggs Jerry Spinelli	Cryptid Hunters Roland Smith
Ruby Holler Sharon Creech	The City of Ember Jeanne DuPrau	The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle Avi
The Kid Who Ran For President Dan Gutman	Stargirl Jerry Spinelli	The Kingdom Keepers Ridley Pearson
Frindle Andrew Clements and Brian Selznick	Maniac Magee Jerry Spinelli	Sweet Miss Honeywell's Revenge Kathryn Reiss

Summer Reading Opportunity Requirements

SUMMER READING TIME MANAGEMENT WORKSHEET (SAMPLE)

DATE	BOOK TITLE	PG#s	REFLECTION
6-25-13	Hunger Games	1-26	Very descriptive beginning. I like the character, Katniss. I was a little confused and thought she was a boy at first, but then I kept reading and it all made sense. There is some sort of lottery for the Hunger games. I didn't fully understand it, but I like it so far.
6-26-13	Hunger Games	26-35	I can't believe they called Katniss's little sister, Prim. But Katniss offered to take her place! I can't wait to read on!

Full Name: _____

SUMMER BOOK REPORT- BOOK 1 (20 points)

Book Title: _____

Author: _____ *#of Pages:* _____

Setting: *Write a description of when and where the story takes place. Be sure to include important details of the setting that affect the plot.*

Main Characters: *Give the names and a brief description of the story's main characters (you do not need to include minor characters.)*

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

BOOK REVIEW: Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not. Write a persuasive paragraph either recommending the book for next year’s Seventh Grade Summer Reading List or arguing to keep it off the list. Be sure to cite specific **reasons** you liked it or did not like it. (I like it because...)
