



GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Dear Incoming 6th Grader,

Welcome to your Summer Reading Challenge! Summertime is a perfect opportunity to choose exciting, fun books that **you** most like to read. It's both fun, and it helps you grow by avoiding a "summer reading slump." The "summer reading slump" is what happens when you **don't** read during the summer. Basically, if you experience summer reading slump, you are actually **less** ready for 6th grade in August than you are right now! So have fun choosing the books you want as you meet your goal of reading at least 30 hours this summer and prepare yourself for an outstanding 6th grade year! How will you reach that goal? It's simple.

- 1) Read at least 30 minutes per day, at least 5 days per week.
- 2) Record the books that you read on the attached Reading Log.
- 3) Try to read at least 10 books!
- 4) Challenge yourself to read a book of each of the following genres: historical fiction, science fiction, biography, action/adventure, fantasy, mystery, drama.
- 5) Color-in the building blocks for every 30 minutes that you read. You are literally "building" your academic success with every 30 minutes of reading!!
- 6) Have your parent or guardian sign your Reading Log. (This is a good habit to get into, as you'll have reading logs next year, too!)

There are many places to find good books.

- Check out your local branch of the public library: <http://www.sfpl.org/> There you can sign up for a library card, sign up for "Summer Read 2019" and earn prizes for your reading!
- Check out a local bookstore.
- Borrow from a friend!
- Take a look at our attached recommended book list. They're great!

Your Reading Log and Reading Pyramid will be collected by your teacher on the first day of school, August 19th. It will be your **first** assignment for 6th grade. So please remember to complete it and submit it on the first day of school. Rewards and recognition will be given to our readers who prepare themselves for 6th grade by completing the summer reading challenge, and even going above it! Have a great summer of fun, relaxation, and reading! We look forward to seeing you in August.

Sincerely,

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