

Dear Future 6th Grader,

This summer, all students entering 6th grade are required to read **two novels**. You should be prepared to discuss your books, share your opinions, explore the issues presented in the story, and support your ideas with specific details from the text.

All summer reading work is due on the **first day of school**.

First Book Selection (Choose ONE):

All options are by Kate DiCamillo:

- *Because of Winn-Dixie*
- *The Magician's Elephant*
- *The Tiger Rising*
- *The Tale of Despereaux*

For this book, you will create a **poster** that demonstrates your understanding of the story. Your poster should:

- Be neat and visually engaging
- Reflect important themes, characters, or events
- Include meaningful details from the book
- Show creativity and effort

Second Book Selection (Choose ONE):

- *A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park
- *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt

For this book, there will be a **20-question test during the first week of school** that will demonstrate that you have read and understood your chosen novel. Be sure to read carefully and come prepared with a basic understanding of the plot, main characters and events of the story.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and insights when you return in the fall.

Happy Summer Reading!