

6th Grade Summer Reading 2016

Note to Parents:

One of our district's primary goals has always been to develop lifelong readers and learners. For this reason, we like to offer students a variety of books from which to select.

As in the past, each middle school student is **required** to select at least one book from his or her grade level's summer reading list. Each student should read this book for enjoyment while keeping the guiding questions and grade level theme in mind. It is the student's responsibility to record evidence from the text and a brief explanation of how it relates to the grade level theme on the attached handout. This will help your child be prepared to write or speak about the text upon his or her return to school in September.

Thank you for encouraging your child's reading. We look forward to building on the foundation you have helped establish during the summer.

You can find the books at these locations:

Cherry Hill Public Library • www.chplnj.org
856-667-0300

Barnes & Noble • www.barnesandnoble.com
Cherry Hill – 856-486-1492
Marlton – 856-596-7058
Moorestown – 856-608-1622

For more resources about the books,
please visit <http://www.teachingbooks.net/qlpkmvq>

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Savvy by Ingrid Law

Thirteen is when a Beaumont's savvy hits – and with one brother who causes hurricanes and another who creates electricity, Mibs Beaumont is eager to see what she gets. But just before the big day, Poppa is in a terrible accident. And now all Mibs wants is a savvy that will save him. In fact, Mibs is so sure she'll get a powerful savvy that she sneaks a ride to the hospital on a rickety bus with her sibling and the preacher's kids in tow. After this extraordinary adventure – full of talking tattoos and a kidnapping – not a soul on board will ever be the same.

Hidden Talents by David Lubar

Martin Anderson and his friends don't like being called losers. But they've been called that for so long even they start to believe it. Until Martin makes an incredible discovery: each of his friends has a special *hidden* talent. Edgeview Alternative School was supposed to be an end of the road. But for Martin and his friends, it just might be a new beginning.

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai

Things are changing in Hà's world, as the Vietnam War comes closer and to her home in Saigon. Her friends and neighbors are leaving, her oldest brother is speaking out against the North, and the likelihood of being reunited with her father — who has been missing in action for nine years — is growing dimmer. When Saigon falls in 1975, Hà and her family are forced to flee on a navy ship and, after spending months in refugee camps, end up moving to Alabama. There, Hà struggles to deal with everything from learning the language and customs to handling the bullies who make fun of her at school. Will she ever feel at home in this strange new land? And will she ever see her father again?

Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen

The first time she saw him, she flipped. The first time he saw her, he ran. That was the second grade, but not much has changed by the seventh. She says: "My Bryce. Still walking around with my first kiss." He says: "It's been six years of strategic avoidance and social discomfort." But in the eighth grade everything gets turned upside down. And just as he's thinking there's more to her than meets the eye, she's thinking that he's not quite all he seemed.



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6th Grade - Theme and Guiding Questions

Self-Discovery: Uncovering qualities about yourself

Guiding Questions:

- How do we define who we are?
- How do we form and shape our identities?
- What can you learn about yourself from studying the lives of others?
- What turning points determine our individual pathways to adulthood?

Directions: The book you have chosen to read this summer will help you learn about the theme of self-discovery and honoring your individuality. As you read, find evidence that shows characters learning about and recognizing what makes them a unique individual. Record the evidence below and explain what the evidence shows about the theme of self-discovery.

Title: _____

Author: _____

Evidence from the text showing moments of self-discovery. Include page numbers.	Explain what this moment shows about the theme of self-discovery.
<p><i>Example from <u>Flipped</u>: It was actually worse having her mad at me than having her harass me. Why? Because I'd screwed up, that's why. I had egg all over my face, and blaming it on her yard had done nothing to wash it off. The way she ignored me, or so obviously avoided me, was a screaming loud reminder to me that I'd been a jerk.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page(s) # <u>80</u></p>	<p><i>Bryce is learning that things are not always as they appear and that he was the one who was wrong. Juli was only trying to be neighborly and he should not have thrown away the eggs. He knows that he hurt Juli's feelings. She is angry with him, and he begins to realize that he might actually miss her.</i></p>
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