

**Dear Incoming 6th Graders,**

For this year's summer reading, you will select *one* book from the following list:

*The Thing about Jellyfish* by Ali Benjamin

*New Kid* by Jerry Craft

*Because of Mr. Terrupt* by Rob Buyea

Summer reading serves to continue developing reading skills, improve and support vocabulary growth as well as spark interest in some great books. Additionally, summer reading will better prepare you for thoughtful discussions we'll have next year. To help you make your selection, you may read reviews through **goodreads.com**. Once you begin reading, it is important that you have a strong understanding of the **characters, setting, and plot**.

**As you read your book, you should:**

- Highlight parts that you want to discuss or share when you return to school; make a note along the margin as to why that part was interesting/surprising/intriguing to you
  - Make note of any interesting or unknown vocabulary words; write the definition in the book
  - Question the author; write your questions on the margins as a strategy to help you better understand the plot
- \* Every three chapters, make a two to three sentence summary of what you have read on a Post-it. Place the Post-it on the last page of every third chapter (approximately) as a "flag" that sticks out.

If you get stuck for whatever reason, please email me. If you find the book amazing, and you can't put it down, email me and tell me! I will be checking my mail periodically and promise I will get back to you!

**When you return to school in August, remember to bring your marked-up book with you.** You will use it to complete your summer reading activity in my classroom. I look forward to kicking off the year with great discussions about your summer reading.

Wishing you a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming you to 6th grade.

Happy Reading!

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