

Dear 6th grade families,

I'm excited to share information about an important and much-anticipated component of our 6th grade Language Arts curriculum: **novel studies**.

Throughout the year, students will engage in a series of novel studies designed to develop their reading comprehension, critical thinking, and analytical writing skills. These books are carefully selected to expose students to a variety of genres, perspectives, and themes, encouraging meaningful discussion and deeper understanding of literature and the world around them.

A special 6th grade tradition:

As part of our novel study experience, we have a tradition of students purchasing their own copies of each novel. This not only allows students to annotate directly in their books, making the learning more personal and impactful, but also builds a small library they can be proud of at home.

We are mindful of budget constraints and work to select high-quality literature that is affordable and widely available. If purchasing books poses any challenge for your family, the school has copies available for your student to read.

Regarding Book Selections:

We understand that every family has unique values and perspectives. If you have any concerns about a specific book your child will be reading, please don't hesitate to contact me. We are happy to discuss the content in more detail and, if necessary, provide an alternative reading option that meets the same learning objectives. Our goal is to create a respectful, inclusive learning environment where every student can thrive.

The following is the list of books the 6th graders will be reading. This list does not include all books they will read. Students will be reading other books throughout the year and you will get notification of those books when the time comes.

Percy Jackson by Rick Riordan

Starfish by Lisa Fipps

Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Thank you!

Your 6th Grade Team