

To: Sixth Grade Students and Parents

From: Mrs. Renz

Subject: Required Summer Reading

Students are required to read the novels listed below. It is strongly suggested that they take notes on what they have read so they can refresh their memory prior to taking the novel tests in September. These novels are also a springboard for a major writing assignment in the fall. The novels selected are high interest and on a sixth grade reading level.

**I strongly recommend purchasing a lock from the Dollar Store and assisting your child in practicing with the lock over the summer. This tends to cause students unnecessary anxiety upon returning to school in September. It is also suggested that you have your child practice writing, whether it be a journal of how they are enjoying their summer or a story they create. We will do quite a bit of writing in 6th grade, and writing over the summer will absolutely help with the transition. Additionally, although writing in cursive is not required, they will be required to know how to read it, as my writing on the board is in cursive. They should then practice reading cursive writing so they are familiar with it in the fall.

I look forward to working with each of you next school year!

ENJOY!

Loser by Jerry Spinelli

Absolutely Normal Chaos by Sharon Creech