



Dear rising, 6th grade, WAVE students and parents,

One of our objectives at WAVE is to nurture a love for reading. Our expectation is that 6th grade WAVE students read **at least four books** over the summer, and by doing so, students will be better prepared for the rigors of an advanced program such as WAVE. Students may choose any grade-level, appropriate novel that relates to the sixth-grade theme of **relationships**.

For more information on the CCISD summer reading philosophy, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/ltrrm8p>

Over the summer, we encourage parents to read with their child and to have conversations about the literature. Below are questions that will help stimulate book discussions.

- What did you like best about the story? Provide specific examples of what “hooked” you.
- Does the main character change? In what ways? Did you like him/her better at the end? Why?
- What themes (big ideas) did you notice in the story? Where in the story did you notice them the most?
- What do you think was the author’s message in the novel? Give examples of where you noticed the message.
- How does the setting enhance the main theme(s) and/or conflict of the story? Why?
- How would the story be different if told from a different point of view?
- What connections do you make to your own life, while reading this book?
- What other books does this remind you of, and why?

We hope you have a wonderful summer full of amazing reading, and we look forward to seeing you in August!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bendele and Mrs. Kenyon
6th grade WAVE ELA teachers

Like a good challenge? Want to shine in 6th grade? If you are looking for quality literature, here are some places you can explore for a good read and a challenge. We're confident you will enjoy them, and they support the 6th grade theme of "relationships." Consider these book options.

Lone Star Reading List

At the beginning of the year, we focus on connecting to each other and learn how to relate what we know to what we are learning. The Lone Star Reading List encourages reading for pleasure and is geared towards students in grades 6-8.

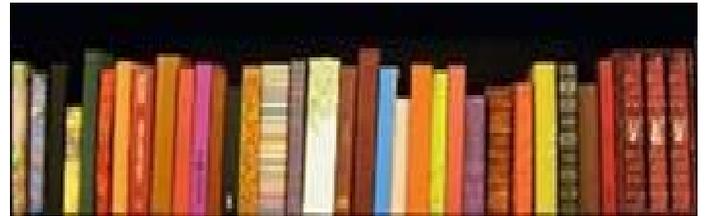
Each year, 20 books—exploring a variety of topics, reading tastes, and maturity levels—are chosen by a committee of school and public librarians from across Texas. For the complete list and synopsizes, please follow this link: Lone Star Reading 2019 Annotated List https://txla.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/2019LoneStar_FinalAnno.pdf



Setting Up for Success in Sixth

Here are three favorite books of sixth grade ELA WAVE teachers. These are books that will be used extensively as mentor texts in 6th grade. Motivated students will enjoy reading these books in advance and will appreciate being ahead of the game!!

Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan



Genius Challenge

Mensa for Kids--This site gives a recommended reading list for students. If you read the books on the list, you can get a certificate and t-shirt from Mensa. Check it out: <http://www.mensaforkids.org/achieve/excellence-in-reading/>



Develop Your Passion Area

If you know what you like and you want to build on your passion, consider reading books about your favorite topic. You'll love what you're reading, and you'll get a jump on next year. Here are some sites to help you locate books in all areas.

Young Adult Library Services Association Best Books in 2019:

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/2019-best-fiction-young-adults>

Young Adult Library Services Association Nonfiction Award Finalists for 2019:

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/nonfiction-award>

