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Sixth Grade Independent Reading

All sixth grade students are required to complete independent reading pages each trimester. Independent reading makes up 10% of the Language Arts grade, although both 6th grade teachers will grade your book reports. Part of the sixth grade culture is to always carry your independent reading book, especially during testing periods. Students without books will be required to go to Library during their lunch recess to check out a book and read. Designated reading times are part of the weekly schedule, but our expectation is that students will also read at home. Listening to books on tape while **reading along** at home or while driving in the car is a great way to enjoy reading!

Steps:

1. Choose a book to read and get a book report form in your homeroom or on the 6th grade websites. Write down the title of your book, the day you are starting it, and plan your reading schedule on the monthly calendar in your Student Planner.
2. Read and enjoy the book!
3. **As soon as you finish a book**, write down the date you finished it, and complete the written or typed book report form neatly. Then fold the book report, put it inside your book, and turn it in to your homeroom teacher.
4. Your homeroom teacher will then meet with you to discuss your book report. Usually this will be done during designated reading times on Monday and Friday.
5. Repeat steps 1-4 until you have completed the required number of pages for each trimester.

Important Guidelines:

1. Do not choose books which you have previously read.
2. Do not choose books which have been made into movies.
3. You must complete at least 3 new book reports each trimester but should continue reading until you reach the required number of pages.
4. You may only turn in one book per week to allow sufficient time for conferencing.
5. Choose books at your own reading level. You may check with Mrs. Patterson or Mrs. McIntosh if you are unsure about a book's reading level.

Requirements:

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| 1 st Trimester: 700 pages | Due by Friday, October 28, 2016 (9 weeks) |
| 2 nd Trimester: 800 pages | Due by Friday, March 3, 2017 (18 weeks) |
| 3 rd Trimester: 900 pages* | Due by Friday, May 26, 2017 (12 weeks) |

***Note:** During the 3rd trimester, students will be asked to choose and read one I.R. book about the **Holocaust**. Mrs. Patterson will have more information and age-appropriate books to check out.

Book reports and reading conferences must be completed by these dates to receive full credit. We expect 6th graders to use time management skills to ensure that books are read and reports are completed in a timely manner. Remember, the end of a trimester is often a busy time with lots of tests, papers, and projects due, so don't procrastinate on your independent reading. Because you get to choose your own reading material, it should be something you enjoy doing every day.