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6th Grade Summer Reading

Dear 2009/2010 Sixth Graders and Parents:

Summer is here and thoughts of relaxation, summer activities, vacations, and family time abound. With this in mind, we would like to share our summer reading program with you; reading a good book is a perfect pastime for long, hot summer days.

Reading over the summer is crucial for maintaining all the gains in reading ability students make during the school year. Research shows that students who do not continue to read over summer vacation often lose some of the gains they have made during the school year. Parents, encourage your son or daughter to read by scheduling visits to the public library, having discussions about books family members are reading, and providing a regular, daily reading time.

All incoming sixth graders should read three or more books before the first day of classes on August 25th. Please select a book using these guidelines:

Select **one or more** of the following titles. These books will be helpful in gaining background knowledge for units that we will teach during the 2009-2010 school year.

- *Children of the Lamp: The Akhenaten Adventure*, P.B. Kerr
- *The Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt*, Elizabeth Payne
- *Project Mulberry*, Linda Sue Park

Select **one or more** of the following titles. These books are great reads for middle school students and have been selected for their great reviews and high interest levels.

- *Revenge of the Witch*, Joseph Delaney
- *Sunrise Over Fallujah*, Walter Dean Myers
- *Life As We Knew It*, Suzanne Beth Pfeffer

The Lincolnwood Library has been notified of the reading selections and they will be available for students to borrow. The books have also been ordered at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore in the Village Crossing shopping mall. They will be set aside in the Children's Department or on the summer reading table.

Happy Reading!

The Sixth Grade Reading and Language Arts Teachers