

MARTIN J. RYERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
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6th Grade Summer Reading Program
2011

Dear Parents,

We are supplying each incoming Ryerson student with our summer reading list. From this list students will select one book that they will take time to read over the summer. Upon completion of the book, students will answer the attached questionnaire. **Naturally, students must choose a book that they have not read before.**

Students will bring their questionnaire (completely done and in script) to school on the first day of September and turn it in to their language arts and literature teacher. Teachers will be testing students based upon their summer reading. The testing is planned during the first full week of school.

Any student who reads more than one book from the list, or reads all of the summer reading book choices, can receive extra credit for the first marking period in language arts and literature. As your children read each extra novel, they should use post-it notes on golden lines or any line that left an impression (whether they loved them or disliked them). For every extra credit book read, students should write a journal entry discussing the author’s writing style, plot elements, or golden lines. Each entry should be at least one page long. Please sign each entry completed for extra credit.

We hope to meet the reading needs of all the students by providing a list that represents a variety of literary genres. Please take some time to help your children choose a suitable title.

It is almost impossible for us to provide the books, but most of these titles are available from the local library network as well as from bookstores. Please encourage your children to challenge themselves with something new!

Best wishes for a relaxed and healthy summer.

Sincerely,

Paul Scutti
Principal

Meredith Nicholls
Vice Principal

The Sixth Grade Language Arts Department

**6th Grade Summer Reading Program
Novel List 2011**

1. ***Everything on a Waffle*** written by Polly Horvath
Newbery Honor Award – 2002

2. ***Fever 1793*** written by Laurie Halse Anderson

3. ***Flush*** written by Carl Hiaasen

4. ***Julie of the Wolves*** written by Jean Craighead George

5. ***Loch*** written by Paul Zindel

6. ***6th Grade Can Really Kill You*** written by Barthe DeClements

7. ***Taking Sides*** written by Gary Soto

8. ***The Cay*** written by Theodore Taylor

9. ***The Witch of Blackbird Pond*** written by Elizabeth G. Speare
Newbery Medal – 1959