

## Episcopal School of Baton Rouge: 6th Grade Summer Reading

I hope that over the summer, you will find many books that challenge and interest you. Please be ready to discuss and write about TWO BOOKS when you return to school. These should be two books you haven't read before.

In 6<sup>th</sup> grade English, you will be learning about Greek and Roman mythology. If you haven't had previous exposure to this content, it may be helpful to choose a book from that genre.

When you return to school in August, you will write some brief reviews of what you've read, so if it helps you to jot down some notes about the plot, please do so.

Strategy #1: Get recommendations from your peers!

Every year, young readers from across the state vote on their favorite books. You can check out nominated books as well as past winners on the State Library's website.

Strategy #2: Read award-winning books.

The American Library Association bestows top honors on several books a year.

Strategy #3: Talk to adults who read lots of middle grade fiction.

Ask your teen librarian, your current English teacher, or me for help. My email address is <a href="mailto:guariscom@ehsbr.org">guariscom@ehsbr.org</a>.

## **Books to avoid**

We read several works of literature in 6th grade English, and while we can certainly gain new insights from re-reading, please avoid choosing these titles for summer reading:

Refugee by Alan Gratz
The Crossover/Rebound by Kwame Alexander
Ghost by Jason Reynolds
The Benefits of Being an Octopus by Ann Braden
This is Trevor Noah by Trevor Noah
Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed
Full Cicada Moon by Marilyn Hilton

Remember that not every book is right for every reader. use <u>this site</u> for plot summaries and overall guidance:

Happy reading,

Mrs. Guarisco