



LANGUAGE ARTS -- GRADE 6
SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS – 2011

Dear Sixth Grade Students and Parents:

This summer each entering sixth grade student must read Hatchet by Gary Paulsen. In this regard, please be aware of the following as part of this requirement:

- The students must compose three (3) questions and answers for each of four chapter groupings, making a total of twelve (12) questions **with answers**, to be collected upon their return.
- These questions should relate to important ideas/events in the chapters.
- At least one question in each set of three should require more than one sentence to answer. The other two can be short answer sentences, but **not** just “yes” or “no.”
- Students must number the questions 1, 2, 3 per chapter grouping. (See the back for sample questions for the first chapter grouping.) Students must compose three different questions for chapters 1-5.
- The chapter groupings are as follows: 1-5; 6-10; 11-15; 16-*Epilogue*.
- **The questions and answers must be typed.**
- Shortly after school begins in the fall, the language arts classes will discuss this book and then take a test on it.
- Keep the discussion and test in mind when exploring the book.
- The department recommends that the students purchase a copy to use when reading and when discussing the book in the fall.

Each student is also required to read **three (3)** additional books of **100 pages or more**. He/She may select ones from the Trinity School Librarian lists or other age appropriate books. Your public library is always a good resource. The list of these books must be submitted to the student's language arts teacher during the first week of school. Follow the recording guidelines on the recording sheet.

We look forward to having a lively dialogue in the fall!!

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Moulding, Mrs. Meyer

Chapters 1-5 Sample Questions

Q.1. Why do you suppose Brian has kept the SECRET to himself?

A. Brian has kept the Secret to himself because he does not know how to handle the situation. His father does not really know why he and his wife split up (his mother was seeing someone else), so he feels betrayal telling him and betrayal if he does not. His mother also is not aware that Brian knows the facts, so he does not want to confront her either. It is a very difficult, confusing time for Brian.

Q. 2. Brian knows that if he has water, he can survive, but what else does he know he needs?

A. Besides water, Brian knows he needs food and shelter to survive.

Summer Reading Recommendations For Sixth Grade

When you are visiting the public library this summer, be sure to include some of the following books (or other books by the same authors). The following list of fiction books, include realistic fiction, historical fiction, humorous fiction, mystery, science fiction, and fantasy. The required summer reading book has been bolded.

Fiction

Author	Title
Joan Aiken	<u>The Wolves of Willoughby Chase</u>
Avi	<u>A Man From the Sky and The Man Who Would Be Poe</u>
Judi Blume	<u>It's Not the End of the World</u>
Betsy Byars	<u>The Night Swimmers and Cracker Jackson</u>
John Christopher	<u>The White Mountains</u> (science fiction)
Ellen Conford	<u>Anything for a Friend</u> (humorous)
Barbara Corcoran	<u>You're Allegro Dead</u> (mystery)
Jean C. George	<u>The Cry of the Crow and Julie</u>
Mary Downing Hahn	<u>Daphne's Book and The Dead Man in Indian Creek</u>
Virginia Hamilton	<u>The Planet of Junior Brown</u>
Brian Jacques	<u>Redwall</u> (series)
E.L. Konigsburg	<u>Jennifer, Hecate, Macbeth, William McKinley, and Me, Elizabeth</u>
Madeleine L'Engle	<u>Meet the Austins</u>
Janet Taylor Lisle	<u>Afternoon of the Elves</u>
Lucy Maud Montgomery	<u>Anne of Green Gables</u>
Walter Dean Myers	<u>The Journal of Scott Pendleton Collins A World War II Soldier</u>
Robert Newman	<u>The Baker Street Irregulars</u> (mystery)
Jean Lowry Nixon	(mysteries)
Robert C. O'Brien	<u>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh</u>
Uri Orlev	<u>The Island on Bird Street</u> (historical fiction)
Katherine Paterson	<u>Park's Quest</u>
Gary Paulsen	<u>Hatchet</u>
Colby Rodowsky	<u>P.S. Write Soon</u>
Angie Sage	Septimus Heap series and Araminta Spookie series
Jane Yolen	<u>The Devil's Arithmetic</u> (historical fiction)

Nonfiction Social Studies Recommendations:

Author	Title
Susan Bartoletti	<u>Black Potatoes: the Story of the Great Irish Famine</u>
Frank Ching	<u>Ancestors: Nine Hundred Years in a Chinese Family</u>
Ron and Nancy Goor	<u>Pompeii: Exploring a Roman Ghost Town</u>
Russell Freeman	<u>Buffalo Hunt</u>
Edward Jablonski	<u>A Pictorial History of the World War II Years</u>
Robert Kane	<u>Grand Tour A to Z: The Capitols of Europe</u>
Shen Tong & Marianne Yen	<u>Almost a Revolution: From Boyhood to Leadership in Tianamen Square</u>
Niall Williams & Christopher Breen	<u>The Pipes are Calling: Our Jaunts Through Ireland</u>

Magazines: National Geographic, National Geographic World, Cobblestone, Calliope, Cricket

TRINITY SCHOOL SUMMER READING LIST RECORD

NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

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Parent Signature
