

Leicester Middle School

Summer Reading 2024-2025

Entering Grade 6

The transition to Grade 6 is an exciting and sometimes nervous time for students and their families. Your ELA teachers are here to support you during this new and exciting chapter. One way for your child to be prepared for the transition to Grade 6 is completion of the assigned summer reading. Students who read daily over the summer are more prepared for school in the fall. In addition,

- Students who read independently become better readers, score higher on achievement tests in all subject areas, and have greater content knowledge than those who do not.
- Multiple studies support that even a small amount of independent reading increases students' reading comprehension, vocabulary growth, spelling facility, understanding of grammar, and knowledge of the world (Fuglei, n. d.).

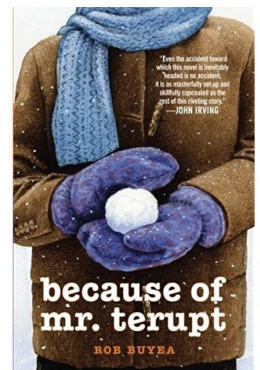
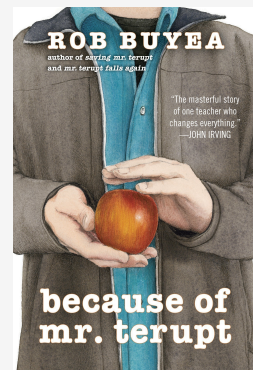
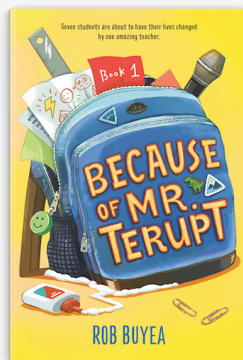
We are asking you to help your child create a reading plan for the summer. Students are required to read two books during the summer—one assigned and one from the list of suggested reading.

The assigned novel is *Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea (268 pages). To assist in comprehension and active reading strategies, students may take notes by making a bulleted list of major events and characters from the story. Determining a certain number of pages to be read daily helps students manage their time without becoming overwhelmed by the process.

Upon return in August, students will respond to the assigned novel by participating in in-class discussions & activities as well as completing a writing prompt to show their understanding of the story. Students will be permitted to use their notes during the class discussions and assignments. In addition, students are asked to bring their copy of *Because of Mr. Terupt* to school with them.

Have a wonderful summer!

(Your book may have any of these covers depending on the publication date.)



Entering Grade 6 Second Book Choice

REALISTIC FICTION

Ghost by Jason Reynolds (or any books in the series)
Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Hoot by Carl Hiassen (or any books in the series)
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
Rules by Cynthia Lord
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Spy School by Stuart Gibbs (or any books in the series)
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

FANTASY

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by JK Rowling (or any book in the series)
Peter and the Starcatchers by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson
Wings of Fire by Tui T. Sutherland (or any book in the series)

HISTORICAL FICTION

Lyddie by Katherine Paterson
Nora Ryan's Song by Patricia Reilly Giff
One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli
A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
Any of the I Survived Series

NOVELS IN VERSE

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
Love That Dog by Sharon Creech
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

GRAPHIC NOVELS

March by John Lewis (or any book in the series)
Any book from the *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales* series
El Deafo by Cece Bell
White Bird by R.J Palacio
Smile by Raina Telgemeier
New Kid by Jerry Craft

HISTORY

Any book from the *Guts & Glory* series by Ben Thompson
Girls Think of Everything by Catherine Thimmesh
How They Choked by Georgia Bragg

How They Croaked by Georgia Bragg

Pure Grit by Mary Cronk Farrell

BIOGRAPHIES

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzi

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, Young Reader's Edition by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer

Ugly by Robert Hoge

Women in Science: 50 Pioneers Who Changed the World by Rachel Ignatofsky

Women in Art: 50 Fearless Creatives Who Inspired the World by Rachel Ignatofsky

Women in Sports: 50 Fearless Athletes Who Played to Win by Rachel Ignatofsky

MYSTERIES

Closed for the Season by Mary Downing Hahn

The Collector by KP Alexander

The Forgotten Girl by India Hill Brown

The Old Willis Place by Mary Downing Hahn

The Undrowned by KP Alexander

Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

ANY BOOKS BY FAVORITE AUTHORS

Gordon Korman

Wendy Maas

Gary Paulsen

Richard Peck

Jerry Spinelli

Rick Riordan