

Dear Incoming 6th Graders,

I am so excited to meet all of you in August! I will be your sixth grade Humanities teacher. I'm new to the Pardes community, but I can't wait to get started! As we begin our summer vacation, I want to take a moment to outline your summer reading expectations.

This summer's reading has a requirement of *two* books: a novel of your choice that is over 125 pages *and* an "inclusive" novel. Inclusive novels encourage the reader to explore different stories, cultures, and points of view. We will continue thinking about these ideas during our year together.

The following "inclusive" novels will be read in class next year: *The Bridge Home* and *Night Diary*. You can use these titles as a guide for choosing your "inclusive" novel, but please don't read them over the summer.

We hope that during the summer you will build on all that you have learned in fifth grade, and rest assured that you will continue to have extensive reading choices as sixth graders. Find some great stories to become engrossed in and have a wonderful summer. I look forward to meeting you soon!

Best wishes,
Mr. Coupe