

Dear Incoming 7th Graders,

I am so excited that I get to share the wonderful world of words with you next year. I heard about the great books you read in 6th grade, and saw them in your library, but of course, there's so much more!!!

This summer's reading has a requirement of *two* books: a novel of your choice that is over 125 pages *and* an "inclusive" novel that might be a "window" into a community you're not familiar with. Think: *The Night Diary*, *The Bridge Home*, *The Rock and the River*; but also think about novels set here in the United States that give a voice to marginalized communities. In addition to reading these two books, there is a required written assignment that is due on the first day of school.

Required assignment: Please choose one book to "buzz" about. This can take the form of a written book review, a podcast where you talk about the book, or even a book trailer. Each should include the title of the book, author, a plot synopsis (no spoilers please!), and your top three reasons why this book should or should not be read. Get creative! Please remember this is due on the first day of school.

Find some great stories to become engrossed in and have a wonderful summer. I look forward to hearing about them if you want to email me or if you want to wait and surprise me in August with your buzzing.

Take care,
Miss Abrams