Dear Soon-To-Be Sixth Grade Families,

Middle School is a wonderful time and we hope that your 5th grade year was full of wonder, excitement and enrichment! Your last year at the “Hollow” will undoubtedly be full of new experiences and it is a time for students to become increasingly independent, to grow, and most of all to learn more! Your 6th grade teachers would like to start the new school year by getting to know you better so we are asking you to compare yourself to a character in your summer reading book.

Many times we read a book and feel that the main characters are very much like we are - they may act the same way, do similar things, or have the same feelings as you. If the reader admires the characters, the reader may want to act like the characters or may imagine living his/her life in a similar. On the other hand, sometimes we may feel as if the main characters are very different from us. If this is the case, we may feel that the main characters are acting in a way that we could never act, and we may even disapprove of their choices.

ASSIGNMENT: Use the main character(s) in your summer reading book to introduce yourself to your teachers and fellow classmates. You will do this by comparing yourself to the character(s) in the book. This a short writing piece using examples from the book and from your own life to compare/contrast yourself to a main character in the book, showing how you are alike or different.

Due date: Tuesday, September 8. Please remember to proofread and type the assignment (or write neatly), as this is the first piece of work that your Language Arts teacher will see.

Happy Reading,
The Sixth Grade Language Arts Teachers at Lounsberry Hollow Middle School

“Read the more you read, the more things you know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” -Dr. Seuss

Questions over the summer? - email our literacy coach - Mrs. Rostami: jrostami@vtsd.com

Come to our Summer Reading Book Club on August 19 9:30-11:30am at LHMS to talk about your book with Lounsberry teachers and your future classmates!

Visit the LHMS Media Resource Center website for details about the Summer Reading Assignment, a list of more books to enjoy, and our Summer Reading Book Club meeting (http://www.LHMRC.com)
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Standards-based writing rubric – modified for summer reading assignment
**Girls**

- One Crazy Summer (series)
- The Great Trouble
- A Tangle of Knots
- Riding Freedom
- Esperanza Rising
- Walk Two Moons
- Wonder
- Absolutely Almost (by Lisa Graff)
- The Fourteenth Goldfish (by Jennifer Holm)
- Wonder
- The One and Only Ivan
- So B. It
- View from Saturday
- The Thing About Georgie
- Mockingbird (by Kathryn Erskine)
- Fish in a Tree
- One for the Murphy’s
- A Snicker of Magic
- Rules by Cynthia Lord
- When You Reach Me
- The War That Saved My Life
- Counting by 7s
- Rain Reign by Ann Martin
- Half a Chance by Cynthia Lord
- Mark of the Dragonfly by Jaleigh Johnson
- School for good and evil
- Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place
- Book Scavenger
- The Secret Hum of a Daisy
- How to Steal a Dog
- Mighty Miss Malone
- Haichiko Waits
- The Honest Truth
- Dog Called Homeless
- Dear Hank Williams by Kimberly Willis Holt;
- Smile by Raina Telgemeier
- Sisters by Raina Telgemeier
- Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick
- The City of Ember series
- Kingdom Keepers series
- Witch and Wizard series by James Patterson
- Lightning thief
- Dealing With Dragons - series
- Bliss Bakery Trilogy Series
- The Hero and the Crown

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**Boys**

- Lemony Snicket series
- Twerp & Finding The Worm (By Mark Goldblatt)
- Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library
- Wonder
- The One and Only Ivan
- The Great Trouble
- Wayside School (series by Louis Sachar)
- North (by Donna Jo Napoli)
- Francis Tucket series
- T.A. Barron’s Merlin series
- The Keeping Room
- Any sports books by Tiki Barber, Ronde Barber
- David Lubar: Hidden Talents, True Talents,
  Looniverse series, Flip, Weenies series, Bully Bug,
  Gloomy Ghost, Numbed, Punished, and many more
- Gordon Korman: Ungifted, Unleashed, Mastermind,
  Schooled, many more Gordon Korman books
- Gary Paulsen: Hatchet, River, My Life in Dog Years,
  Lawn Boy, Brian’s Saga series, Family Ties, Field Trip)
- I, Funny series by James Patterson
- Charlie Joe Jackson series
- the Odd Squad by Karl Fields
- One for the Murphy’s
- Guitar Notes by Mary Amato
- Pirates by Celia Rees
- The Thing About Georgie
- Liar and Spy
- When you reach me
- The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
- There Will Be Bears by Ryan Gebhart
- Ice Dogs by Terry Lynn Johnson
- Island of Dr. Libris by Chris Grabenstein
- Mark of the Dragonfly by Jaleigh Johnson
- the Joey Pigza series by Jack Gantos
- Among the Hidden
- Kensuke’s Kingdom
- The Honest Truth
- Gregor the Overlander series by Suzanne Collins
- The Secret Series by Pseudonymous Bosch
- The False Prince series
- There’s a Boy in the Girls’ Bathroom (Louis Sachar)
- Cardboard by Doug TenNapel
- Kingdom Keepers series
- City of Ember series
- Spiderwick Chronicles
GIRLS
- Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper
- Maniac Magee
- Schooled
- Star Girl by Jerry Spinelli
- Brown Girl Dreaming
- Three Cups of Tea – Young Reader’s Edition
- Pay It Forward – Young Reader’s Edition
- I Am Malala – Young Reader’s Edition
- Half Brother
- Matched
- Legend
- Mr. Terupt series
- Tall Story
- Out of My Mind
- A Tale Dark and Grimm (& Grimm series by Adam Gidwitz)
- The Candymakers
- Carl Hiaasen books: Skink, No Surrender; Chomp, Flush, Hoot, Scat
- Witch and Wizard series by James Patterson
- The Little Prince
- Gordon Korman: Ungifted, Unleashed, Mastermind, Schooled
- Kate DiCamillo: The Magician’s Elephant, Flora & Ulysses, Because of Winn Dixie, Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, Tiger Rising
- Cynthia Rylant: Gooseberry Park, Missing May
- My life in dog years by Gary Paulsen
- Al Capone Shines My Shoes; Al Capone Does My Shirts; Al Capone Does My homework

BOYS
- Found series by Haddix
- Lightning thief (Percy Jackson and the Olympians series)
- Capture the Flag by Kate Messner
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- The 4th Stall by Chris Rylander
- Alex Rider series
- Middle School series by James Patterson
- Public School Superhero by James Patterson
- Witch and Wizard series by James Patterson
- Theodore Boone Series by John Grisham
- Any sports books by Matthew Christopher or Mike Lupica
- Carl Hiaasen books: Skink, No Surrender; Chomp, Flush, Hoot, Scat
- The Candymakers
- A Tale Dark and Grimm (& Grimm series by Adam Gidwitz)
- The Genius Files,
- The Unwanteds series,
- John Feinstein’s sports mystery series
- Maniac Magee
- The Rangers Apprentice series
- The Origami Yoda series
- Brown Girl Dreaming
- Daniel X series by James Patterson
- Peak
- Berlin Boxing Club
- Three Cups of Tea – Young Reader’s Edition
- Pay It Forward – Young Reader’s Edition
- Half Brother
- Matched
- Legend
- Mr. Terupt series
- Tall Story
- Dogs of War
- Wonderstruck
- The Invention of Hugo Cabret
- The 4th Stall by Chris Rylander
- The Little Prince
- Sea of Monsters
- Rush Revere
- Al Capone Shines My Shoes; Al Capone Does My Shirts; Al Capone Does My homework

Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge: [http://www.scholastic.com/summer](http://www.scholastic.com/summer)

[www.readkiddoread.com](http://www.readkiddoread.com)

LHMS Media Resource Center: [www.LHMRC.com](http://www.LHMRC.com)
2015 SUMMER READING BOOKLIST

AGES 11-13 (By Title, Author & Illustrator)

All the Wrong Questions series, Lemony Snicket

Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart, Candace Fleming

The Amulet series, Kazu Kibuishi

Blizzard of Glass: The Halifax Explosion of 1917, Sally M. Walker

The Bone series, Jeff Smith

Cardboard, Doug TenNapel

Charles and Emma: The Darwins’ Leap of Faith, Deborah Heiligman

Confetti Girl, Diana Lopez

Dear Dumb Diary series, Jim Benton

Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, Jeff Kinney

Dork Diaries series, Rachel Renée Russell

Drawing from Memory, Allen Say

The Dumbest Idea Ever!, Jimmy Gownley

Echo, Pam Muñoz Ryan

Esperanza Rising, Pam Muñoz Ryan

Ever After High series, Shannon Hale

The Finisher, David Baldacci

Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement, Ann Bausum

Gaby, Lost and Found, Angela Cervantes

Ghosts in the Fog: The Untold Story of Alaska’s WWII Invasion, Samantha Seiple

The Giant and How He Humbugged America, Jim Murphy

The Graveyard Book, Neil Gaiman & Dave McKean

The Great Wall of Lucy Wu, Wendy Wan-Long Shang

The Great Dane of South Street, John Grogan

Heat, Heat, Heat, Heat, Mike Lupica

The Honest Truth, Dan Gemeinhart

The Hypnotists series, Gordon Korman

Icefall, Matthew J. Kirby

Into the Killing Seas, Michael P. Spradlin

The Last Dragon Chronicles series, Chris d’Lacey

Lawless, Jeffery Salane

The Madman of Piney Woods, Christopher Paul Curtis

Magisterium: Iron Trial, Book 1, Cassandra Clare & Holly Black

Mark of the Thief, Jennifer A. Nielsen

The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg, Rodman Philbrick

Okay for Now, Gary D. Schmidt

The One and Only Ivan, Katherine Applegate

The One and Only Ivan, Amy Timberlake

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One Crazy Summer, Rita Williams-Garcia

The Origami Yoda series, Tom Angleberger

Percy Jackson & the Olympians series, Rick Riordan

Pieces and Parts, Blue Balliett

Rules, Cynthia Lord

Scholastic Discover More: Ocean and Sea, Steve Parker

Seeds of America trilogy, Laurie Halse Anderson

The Signers: The 56 Stories Behind the Declaration of Independence, Dennis Brindell Fradin & Michael McCurdy

A Thunderous Whisper, Christina Diaz Gonzalez

Titanic: Voices from the Disaster, Deborah Hopkinson

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, Avi

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Tyme #1: Grounded: The Adventures of Rapunzel, Megan Morrison

Wings of Fire series, Tui T. Sutherland

Wishcraft series, Tamora Pierce

The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963, Christopher Paul Curtis

Wings of Fire series, Tui T. Sutherland

Wolf, Spencer Quinn

Words in the Dark, Trent Reedy

Xiaojin’s Life, Roland Smith

Zack’s Lie, Roland Smith

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Summer Reading Book Club
August 19, 2015
9:30-11:30am @ LHMS

Join Lounsberry teachers at “The Hollow”
❖ read together (bring your book)
❖ enjoy snacks (we’ll have some, bring your favorite)
❖ chat about your summer reading book
  • Grade 5 – The One and Only Ivan
  • Grade 6 – Because of Mr. Terupt, Peak, Dangerous Days of Daniel X, Three Cups of Tea, A Snicker of Magic, Lions of Little Rock, Tall Story, Out of My Mind

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