

Hello sixth graders and parents,

First, welcome to sixth grade ELA- a class I hope will challenge you as a reader, thinker, and writer. I am looking forward to our year together!

Second, although you will find specific assignments below, I urge you to read at least four books this summer. There will be times next year when you will ask, "But how can I improve my vocabulary?" My answer will be, "Read." You will ask, "How can I do better on reading comprehension tests" My answer will be, "Read." You will ask, "How can I become a better writer?" And my answer will be, "Read (and write)."

Third, your success in this class, not to mention your journey toward becoming a well-read, educated citizen, begins with one simple action repeated again and again: Active reading. Read anything! Not just books for school, but books, magazines, and newspapers that interest you. You must commit to improving your mind through reading; there are no shortcuts to intellectual growth or improved reading skills.

The ABCs of Summer Reading (Good rules of thumb for students of all ages):

**A** - Access to a wide variety of reading materials (fiction, nonfiction, print books, ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, etc.)

**B** - Best-Fit. A just-right-fit book is neither too easy nor too hard.

**C** - Comprehension is KEY. Take some time to chat with your children about what they are reading. Ask questions about the storyline; ask them to summarize the story; ask "what do you think will happen next?"

Happy summer and happy reading, Hornets!

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

## 2019 Summer Reading Challenge

Name \_\_\_\_\_

You are required to complete this packet for your summer reading assignment. You are asked to complete each reading challenge but only two of the challenges ask you to read books. This packet is due on the first day of school.

Please take your time and complete each task to the best of your ability. *Do your own work* and please choose challenging, yet grade/age appropriate books. Let your mom or dad help you decide on what you should read. (Parents should approve your reading selections for each item you read for this packet.)

Have a wonderful summer, Hornets! I look forward to hearing all about the amazing books you have read when we return to school in August.

Love,

Ms. Kerri



## Challenge #1: Research (15 points)

Summer is a great chance to learn about the history and science of something you enjoy. Pick a summer topic of interest (swimming, lemonade, the ocean, etc., or anything at all) and research! Write a summary of your findings below:

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph:

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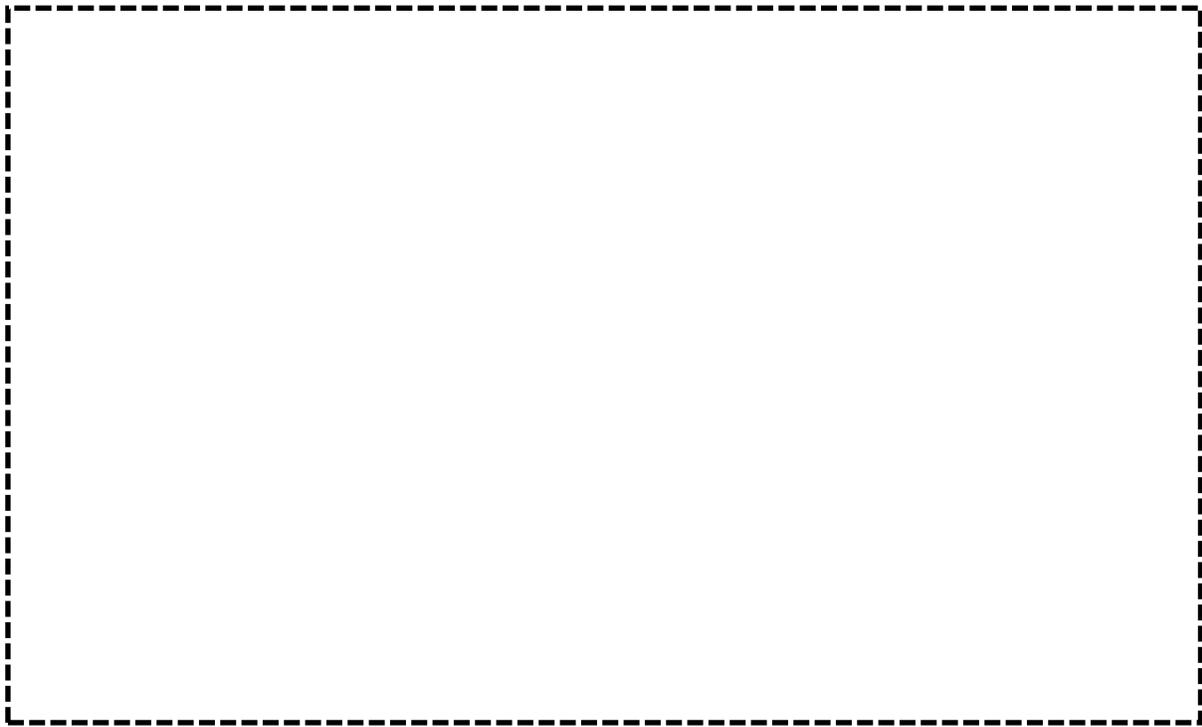
Where did you find your

Information? \_\_\_\_\_



### Challenge # 3: Reading Aloud (10 points)

Find a spot in the sun to share your favorite children's book with a young child or sibling. Read it aloud to them and ask questions about the book while you read. Make it fun. (Practice reading the book before you read it aloud to your friend/sibling.) Take a picture of you and your friend and glue it below.



Name of friend/sibling?

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What book did you read aloud?

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## Challenge #5 Nonfiction Book Review (30 points)

Choose a nonfiction book within your reading level, read it, then complete the following review.

Name of Non-Fiction Book \_\_\_\_\_

Author's name \_\_\_\_\_ No. of pages \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this book? \_\_\_\_\_

- Look at the photos/captions on each page (if there are photos)
- Read each page carefully
- Think about what you have read
- Read/Review the book again
- Write down 6 interesting facts you learned:

Fact 1: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fact 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fact 3: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fact 4: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fact 5: \_\_\_\_\_

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Rate it:

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☹ Boring

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Interesting ☺

Name\_\_\_\_\_

## Summer Challenge Grading Rubric

<b>Challenge:</b>	<b>Points Available:</b>	<b>Points Earned:</b>
1-Research Paragraph	15	
2-Newspaper Knowledge	15	
3-Reading Aloud /Photo	10	
4-Fiction Novel Characterization Paragraph	30	
5-Nonfiction Book Review	30	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100</b>	