Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

We welcome you to the upcoming year of 6th grade! This is an exciting time for all of us where we will embrace change – not just by our students entering middle school, but also a brand-new school.

Students, I know some of you might be anxious for the upcoming school year. Maybe you are worried about what kind of teachers you will have, or about making new friends. I understand! This is why we have created a fun summer reading activity that will help all of us make connections and build relationships through reading and sharing our thoughts on what we have read. Who knows, maybe the future student sitting right next to you would have read the same book as you! How exciting would it be if you realize that the both of you enjoyed the same parts of the book, or maybe similarly hated another. Either way, I know you will enjoy this journey together.

**Setting Goals:**
Before you begin your reading adventure, students should first make reading goals for themselves. How many books would you like to complete before the beginning of the school year? Make realistic goals, but I also think you will surprise yourself at how much you can accomplish just by goal-setting. I would recommend students read a minimum of 2 books before the start of 6th grade.

**Suggested Reading List:**
Please refer to a separate document for a suggested list of books. Students should try to pick books from different genres. The best place to find these books is your local library! If you would like to start your own mini-library at home, then you can purchase these books online, such as on Amazon, EBay, etc. (I personally love pre-owned books!)

**Reading Activities:**
To supplement your reading, I chose 7 different reading activities for students to complete. There are a variety of fun activities to engage in: poetry, art, comparing yourself to a character, and even writing your own ending to a book.

Happy reading, and I cannot wait to meet all of you!

Ms. Omerovic