

Incoming 6th Graders Summer Reading Assignment

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Welcome to 6th grade! This will be a fun year that will challenge you to develop your English skills. Summer is a great time to relax and refresh, but we also want to make sure students don't fall into a "summer slide" and lose the critical reading skills they've developed this year.

As part of their incoming summer reading assignment, students will be **REQUIRED** to read the novel *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech. Students must also complete the attached assignment.

This assignment must be completed and turned in on the first day of school. During the first quarter, we will discuss the book and complete a project related to it. In addition, students will be required to take an AR quiz on the novel. Please ensure that students have read the book and are ready to participate in the discussion!

Have a great summer,

Mrs. McBride

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Directions: Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper, either typed or neatly handwritten. When answering these questions, please be sure to do the following:

- Use complete sentences (3-5 sentences for each question)
 - Provide text evidence (direct quotes) for each answer. Be sure to use quotation marks and page numbers when providing text evidence.
 - Use correct punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.
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1. Why does Sal tell Phoebe's story?
 2. Why does Phoebe's mother leave? Why does Phoebe treat her mother the way she treats her (before her mother leaves)?
 3. Why do you think Sal's mother left home?
 4. Are there any similarities between Phoebe's mother and Sal's mother?
 5. Why doesn't Sal's dad go with her on the road trip to Idaho?
 6. How do you feel about the structure of this story? Do you like diving into Sal's memories in order to piece together a timeline? Do you like the way the story dips back and forth in time? Why doesn't Sal just tell her story from beginning to end?
 7. If you were to write a chapter for Walk Two Moons, what would happen in your chapter? When would it take place?
 8. What does it mean to walk two moons in someone's moccasins?
 9. Why does Mrs. Partridge leave those messages?
 10. In what ways is reading this book like going on a kind of journey or trip?