

Summer 2011

Dear Rising Sixth Graders,

Congratulations on successfully completing your fifth grade year and Happy Summer! **For this year's summer reading, you will be reading two common readers and then writing three journal entries (at least two paragraphs each) from the point of view of one of the characters in one book. In addition to that, you will be reading *Life in Ancient Africa* by Hazel Richardson, part of the Peoples of the Ancient World series for social studies.** Sixth graders will read two common readers, *At Her Majesty's Request: An African Princess in Victorian England* and *Home of the Brave*. **Please remember that in addition to this book pair, you will be reading *Life in Ancient Africa* for social studies.**

Here is the first part of your assignment. **Over the summer, you must read *At Her Majesty's Request: An African Princess in Victorian England* and *Home of the Brave*.** *At Her Majesty's Request* is written by Walter Dean Myers; *Home of the Brave* is written by Katherine Applegate. Both books deal with assimilation. Assimilation means the process of absorbing or becoming a part of a new culture or group of people. One account is told through a series of poems, the other through letters and other documents.

As you may know, one of the requirements for the sixth grade summer reading is that you read the common readers and create a project that builds on what you have learned from your reading. **As sixth graders, you need to write three journal entries from the point of view of one of the characters. These entries should reflect your understanding not only of that character but of the book as well.** Your journal entries must be typed and double spaced and should be at least two paragraphs each.

Within the first couple of days of school, you may be asked to write a response about your summer reading; come prepared to discuss these items as well. Start early and plan well because we want you to enjoy these readings and your project. Your journal entries are due on the first full day of school. Please do not bring them to registration. The information for the common readers is below. Enjoy your summer and your reading!

Best Wishes,

The Sixth Grade Teachers

Friends Select School 6th Grade Summer Reading-Common Readers (2011)

| <u>Title/Hardcover or PB</u> | <u>Author</u> | <u>ISBN</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------|
| <i>At Her Majesty's Request</i> (H) | Walter Dean Myers | 0590486691 | 17.95 |
| <i>Home of the Brave</i> (PB) | Katherine Applegate | 9780312535636 | 6.99 |
| <i>Life in Ancient Africa</i> | Hazel Richardson | 978-0778720737 | 8.95 |