

# SUMMER STUDIES

## Grade 6—Class of 2018

Dear Incoming Sixth Graders:

In this packet you will find the summer studies required to prepare you for your upcoming sixth grade year. There are three components to this packet—summer reading, summer grammar, and summer writing. Please read the instructions below carefully.

### **Summer Reading Project**

Please review the recommended list of summer reading books; you may also choose books that are not on the list, provided they are approved by a librarian or a teacher.

**You are asked to read three (3) books between June and September.** Two books can be of your own choice from the author list or recommendations by a teacher, librarian or other adult. The other book is required reading for all incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders:

#### **The Hive Detectives by Loree Griffin Burns**

Keep a record of your reading on any size index card for each book. List author's name (last name first), title of book (underlined), and write a brief description of the book and your reaction to it. ***The writing should be in your own words!*** If you prefer, you may complete the assignment on the computer and print out your information on either cards or regular paper. These book reviews will be used as a basis for discussion during the first week of school; bring them to school on the first day.

In addition to your note cards, you will also **prepare a creative project** that you will share with your classmates. The project will be based on one of your three summer reading books. The project should be original - a poster, a book jacket, a mobile, a diorama or anything else which taps and challenges your imagination and creativity!

### **Summer Grammar Packet**

Please also complete the Summer Grammar Packet, which is a review of the basic grammatical concepts that we will build on during the sixth grade year. Each section of the packet includes an example—consider these carefully, and **complete the exercises to the best of your ability.**

### **Summer Writing Prompt**

You are also to respond to **ONE of the following three** writing prompts. Your response should be at least one full page, double-spaced, handwritten or typed; it may be in the form of a story if you wish.

- 1) Describe an ordinary, everyday activity (for example, tying your shoes or brushing your teeth) from the point of view of an alien observing life on Earth, who is unfamiliar with our actions or culture.
- 2) Describe a place that you know using only *one* of your five senses.
- 3) Describe a person's physical reaction to a gift, *showing rather than telling* how the person feels about receiving it.

Keep in mind that these assignments will be your English teacher's first impression of your writing and creativity. You should make sure that you put time and care into your work, especially when it comes to correctness; your assignments will be collected on the first day. We will be eager to see what you have read and created!