

Millburn Middle School  
Summer 2019



Dear Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Millburn Middle School Students and Parents,

The summer break offers great opportunities for students to help improve reading and writing skills. Research shows that students who read for pleasure in the summer do better and forget less when they return to school in the fall. The benefits are not just in English/Language Arts class (ELA). Students who don't read over the summer can slide backwards in all subject areas.

**This summer each incoming 6th grade student should read at least one 2020 Caudill Award nominated book.** There will be an assignment when the students return to school. Students may choose any book that is at their reading level and is of the most interest to them, but NOT one of the two graphic novels options. You can read the graphic novels, but then also read another book for the assignment. Students are encouraged to keep a journal or annotate as they read.

We do advise parental discretion when selecting a book.. Some books contain language and topics that might be mature for your child. We suggest that parents read the book with their child and discuss it together, like a book club!

Here is the link to the 2020 Caudill Award nominees: [2020 Caudill Author List](#) . It is also posted in the virtual backpack. These books are available at the local libraries and at the spring book fair.

We don't stop reading Caudill nominees once the summer is over! All middle school students are required to read at least three Caudill nominated books by February 2020. They will vote in the statewide election for the best book. Also the Media Center has a Caudill reading contest! There are different raffles for students that read five, eight and fifteen of the twenty. Each goal has a different due date. Feel free to start reading towards those goals this summer!

If you have any questions please talk to any ELA teacher when you visit the evening of May 16th . The Caudill list will be available at the book fair as well.

Enjoy your summer and happy reading!

Sincerely,

The 6th Grade ELA Teachers