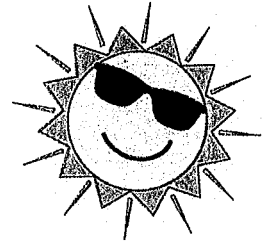


June 16, 2023



Dear New Sixth Graders & Families,

I hope that you all have a restful summer after a great year in 5th grade! While having some fun and relaxing, please keep in mind that it is helpful to keep your mind engaged with all that you learned this year. I have sent home a summer math review packet - it is not mandatory that students complete the entire thing, but it will help get them ready for 6th grade math to do some of the questions throughout the summer. I am also sending home one required summer assignment - read (at least) 1 book and be prepared to tell us about it the first week of school (students also received directions/suggestions).

It is my understanding that the school is providing all students with their own school supplies needed for 6th grade *except* earbuds/headphones - we do have some in the classroom, but if your child prefers their own, please send in a set that can stay in school.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns (ltimm@gccs.us).

See you in September!
Ms. Timm



Back – To – School Book Talk



Book Talks will be **Thursday, September 7 & Friday, September 9.**

Your Challenge: You will prepare and speak to the class for approximately 2 minutes about a book you read over the summer (or since school has started). Book Talks are short, direct and enthusiastic! It will be just you and your book – no props or visual aids (other than your book... so don't forget to bring your book!).

Specifics: Some *suggestions* to include in your Book Talk:

- The title
- The author
- The setting
- The main character (name, character traits)
- Other important characters
- The conflict
- A bit of the plot
- A theme of the book
- The genre
- Your thoughts on the book (... Did you like it?)
- How and why you would rate the book

You may hint at, but **DO NOT** reveal the climax or resolution of the book
(Don't give away the ending!)

Recommendations to prepare for your Book Talk:

- Write down the things you want to talk about that will make your Book Talk short, direct, and enthusiastic
- Practice what you are going to say so that you are comfortable with it
- Time yourself (it must be about 2 minutes of "meat," not giggling and saying "ummm")
- When practicing, take a breath instead of saying "umm" or "ya know"

