LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL
SUMMER READING: GRADE 6
2019-2020
CONTENT AREA: ENGLISH

OBJECTIVES: ALL STUDENTS WILL:
❖ Choose one (1) of the books from the list below.
❖ Keep a journal for assessment purposes.

BOOK LIST: Choose one of the following books:
A Week in the Woods by Andrew Clements
Swindle by Gordon Korman
Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Click Here to Start by Denis Markell
Garvey’s Choice by Nikki Grimes

YOUR JOURNAL:
While reading your book, you must complete journal entries using the assignment below. The journal may be typed or handwritten. This journal will be turned in to your 6th grade English teacher the first week of school.

Please take notes in a journal or notebook from your summer reading book on the items below. This journal will be collected and used as part of an assessment First Quarter.

1. **Character:** Select a main character and describe him/her physically. Choose two character/personality traits to describe the main character and provide examples or evidence of those traits from the story. (Examples of personality traits are: brave, loyal, determined, ambitious, evil, lonely, sneaky, sensitive, compassionate, etc. There are many more traits that may apply to the characters in your book.)

2. **Setting:** Describe the time(s) and place(s) of the story.

3. **Conflict:** What is the main problem or conflict in the story? Who or what is involved in the conflict? How does it get resolved? Describe and explain the conflict using evidence from the story to support your statements.

4. **Personal Opinion:** What did you like about the story? (descriptive language, personal connection to characters, setting or conflict/problem, etc.) Support your opinions with evidence/details from the text.

5. **Draw and color** an important scene from the book. Next to the drawing, explain why the scene is important using evidence from the story.
Grade 6 Book Choices

*A Week in the Woods* by Andrew Clements
Mark didn't ask to move to New Hampshire. Or to go to a hick school like Hardy Elementary. And he certainly didn’t request Mr. Maxwell as his teacher. Mr. Maxwell doesn’t like rich kids, or slackers, or know-it-alls. And he’s decided that Mark is all of those things. Now the whole fifth grade class is headed out for a week of camping - Hardy’s famous Week in the Woods. At first it sounds dumb to Mark, but then he begins to open up to life in the country, and he decides it might be okay to learn something new. It might even be fun. But things go all wrong for Mark. The Week in the Woods is not what anyone planned. Especially not Mr. Maxwell. Modern Realistic Fiction (Description from the inside cover of *A Week in the Woods* by Andrew Clements)

*Swindle* by Gordon Korman
Griffin Bing is on his way to a millions dollars...until a mean collector named S. Wendell Palomino (a.k.a. Swindle) tricks him out of a rare Babe Ruth baseball card. Now Griffin must put together a team of friends (and one or two enemies) to get it back. There are many things standing in their way - a menacing guard dog, a high-tech security system, a very secret hiding place, and the fact that none of them can drive. But Griffin is *A Man With a Plan*, and even if some things go way beyond his control, he’s not going to let his fortune go without a fight. Adventure (Description from the inside cover of *Swindle* by Gordon Korman)

*Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns not to be so hard on herself and that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of. As her confidence grows, Ally feels free to be herself and the world starts opening up with possibilities. She discovers that there’s a lot more to her—and to everyone—than a label, and that great minds don’t always think alike. (Description from Amazon.com)

*Click Here to Start* by Denis Markell
What if playing video games was prepping you to solve an incredible real-world puzzle and locate a priceless treasure? Twelve-year-old Ted Gerson has spent most of his summer playing video games. So when his great-uncle dies and bequeaths him the all so-called treasure in his overstuffed junk shop of an apartment, Ted explores it like it’s another level to beat. And to his shock, he finds that eccentric Great-Uncle Ted actually has set the place up like a real-life escape-the-room game! Using his specially honed skills, Ted sets off to win the greatest game he’s ever played, with help from his friends Caleb and Isabel. Together they discover that Uncle Ted’s “treasure” might be exactly that—real gold and jewels found by a Japanese American unit that served in World War II. With each puzzle Ted and his friends solve, they get closer to unraveling the mystery—but someone dangerous is hot on their heels, and he’s not about to let them get away with the fortune. Mystery (Description from Penguin Random House website)

*Garvey’s Choice* by Nikki Grimes
Garvey’s father has always wanted Garvey to be athletic, but Garvey is interested in astronomy, science fiction, reading—anything but sports. Feeling like a failure, he comforts himself with food. Garvey is kind, funny, smart, a loyal friend, and he is also obese, teased by bullies, and lonely. When his only friend encourages him to join the school chorus, Garvey’s life changes. The chorus finds a new soloist in Garvey, and through chorus, Garvey finds a way to accept himself, and a way to finally reach his distant father—by speaking the language of music instead of the language of sports. This emotionally resonant novel in verse by award-winning author Nikki Grimes celebrates choosing to be true to yourself. Modern Realistic Fiction/Novel in Verse (Description from Google Books)

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