

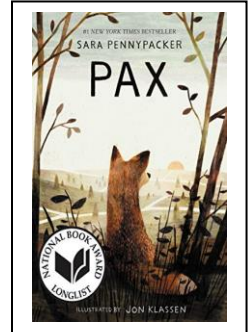
Sixth Grade Summer Reading

Summer provides many opportunities for students and their families to enjoy unforgettable books together. Before entering 6th grade, a Norton Middle School student is expected to read **at least two books** listed below **or any other two books that are at the appropriate reading level for the student.**

Students must complete the attached Book Summary sheet for each book.

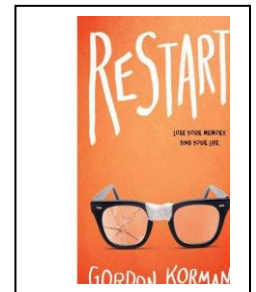
Pax by Sara Pennypacker

Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But one day, the unimaginable happens: Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild. At his grandfather's house, three hundred miles away from home, Peter knows he isn't where he should be—with Pax. He strikes out on his own despite the encroaching war, spurred by love, loyalty, and grief, to be reunited with his fox. Meanwhile Pax, steadfastly waiting for his boy, embarks on adventures and discoveries of his own. . . .



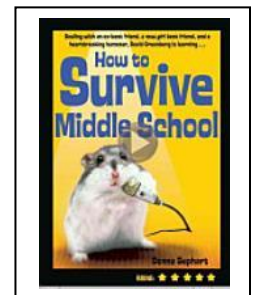
Restart by Gordon Korman

A boy who's been a bully and hanging out with the wrong friends gets a new start after a memory-loss-inducing accident. But can someone really change who he is, or will the old him merely come back over time?



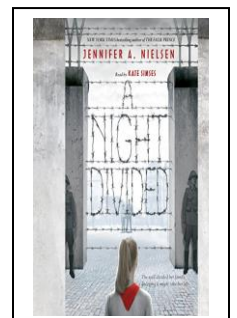
How to Survive Middle School by Donna Gephart

Eleven-year-old David Greenberg dreams of becoming a TV superstar like his idol, Jon Stewart. But in real life, David is just another kid terrified of starting his first year at Harman Middle School. With a wacky sense of humor and hilarious Top 6½ Lists, David spends his free time making TalkTime videos, which he posts on YouTube. But when David and his best friend have a fight, David is lucky enough to make a pretty cool new friend, Sophie—who just (gulp) happens to be a girl.



A Night Divided by Jennifer Neilsen

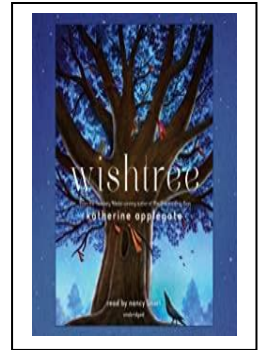
A stunning thriller about a girl who must escape to freedom after the Berlin Wall divides her family between east and west. With the rise of the Berlin Wall, 12-year-old Gerta finds her family divided overnight. She, her mother, and her brother, Fritz, live on the eastern side, controlled by the Soviets. Her father and middle brother, who had gone west in search of work, cannot return home. Gerta knows it is dangerous to watch the wall, to think forbidden thoughts of freedom, yet she can't help herself.



Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

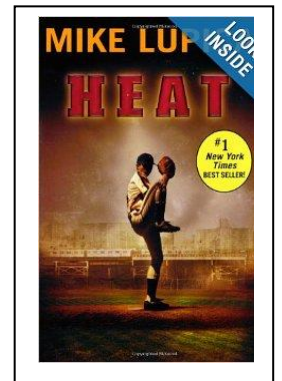
Red is an oak tree who is many rings old. Red is the neighborhood "wishtree" - people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red's branches. Along with her crow friend, Bongo, and other animals who seek refuge in Red's hollows, this "wishtree" watches over the neighborhood.

You might say Red has seen it all. Until a new family moves in. Not everyone is welcoming, and Red's experiences as a wishtree are more important than ever.



Heat by Mike Lupica

Michael Arroyo has a pitching arm that throws serious heat along with aspirations of leading his team all the way to the Little League World Series. But his firepower is nothing compared to the heat Michael faces in his day-to-day life. Newly orphaned after his father led the family's escape from Cuba, Michael's only family is his seventeen-year old brother Carlos. If Social Services hears of their situation, they will be separated in the foster-care system—or worse, sent back to Cuba. Together, the boys carry on alone, dodging bills and anyone who asks too many questions. But then someone wonders how a twelve-year-old boy could possibly throw with as much power as Michael Arroyo throws. With no way to prove his age, no birth certificate, and no parent to fight for his cause, Michael's secret world is blown wide open, and he discovers that family can come from the most unexpected sources.



Hello Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly

Acclaimed and award-winning author Erin Entrada Kelly's *Hello, Universe* is a funny and poignant neighborhood story about unexpected friendships.

Told from four intertwining points of view—two boys and two girls—the novel celebrates bravery, being different, and finding your inner *bayani* (hero). “Readers will be instantly engrossed in this relatable neighborhood adventure and its eclectic cast of misfits.”—*Booklist*



***You must turn this paper in to receive credit for summer reading for each book.**

Name: _____

Date read: _____

Book Summary # 1- Title: _____

Who is the Protagonist? What character traits describe the protagonist? Use text evidence to support your answer.

Who is the Antagonist? What character traits describe the antagonist? Use text evidence to support your answer.

Setting- time and place

Describe the main conflict

Theme-lesson learned

Explain your favorite part of the book

Parent Signature _____

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Name: _____

Date read: _____

Book Summary # 2- Title

Who is the Protagonist? What character traits describe the protagonist? Use text evidence to support your answer.

Who is the Antagonist? What character traits describe the antagonist? Use text evidence to support your answer.

Setting- time and place

Describe the main conflict

Theme-lesson learned

Explain your favorite part of the book.

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