

THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

6TH GRADE SUMMER READING

The purpose of the Summer Reading Program is to...

- foster the joy of reading
- continue student literacy development during the summer months
- provide a common story for literary discussion and writing at the start of the school year

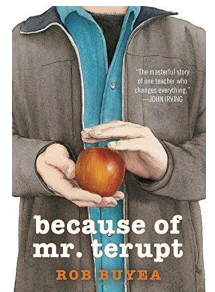
Language arts teachers will use the selected texts for beginning-of-year assessments to learn about you as a reader and writer. You are expected to have read the texts and be familiar enough with the texts to participate in discussions and writing assignments. **If you read the book in June, you will need to review it closer to the start of the school year. Please bring a copy of the book (either purchased or from the library) on the second week of school.**

Students are **required to read three books** over the summer.

REQUIRED READING:

Because of Mr. Tèrupt by Rob Buyea (Fiction)

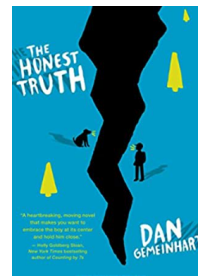
It's the start of fifth grade for seven kids at Snow Hill School. There's Jessica, the new girl, smart and perceptive, who are having a hard time fitting in; Alexia, a bully, your friend one second, your enemy the next; Peter, class prankster and troublemaker; Luke, the brain; Danielle, who never stands up for herself; shy Anna, whose home situation makes her an outcast; and Jeffrey, who hates school. Only Mr. Terupt, their new and energetic teacher, seems to know how to deal with them all. He makes the classroom a fun place, even if he doesn't let them get away with much until the snowy winter day when an accident changes everything and everyone.



CHOOSE TWO ADDITIONAL BOOKS FROM THE LIST BELOW:

The Honest Truth by Dan Gemeinhart (Fiction)

In all the ways that matter, Mark is a normal kid. He's got a dog named Beau and a best friend, Jessie. He likes to take photos and write haiku poems in his notebook. He dreams of climbing a mountain one day. But in one important way, Mark is not like other kids at all. Mark is sick. The kind of sick that means hospitals. And treatments. The kind of sick some people never get better from. So Mark runs away. He leaves home with his camera, his notebook, his dog, and a plan to reach the top of Mount Rainier--even if it's the last thing he ever does. *The Honest Truth* is a rare and extraordinary novel about big questions, small moments, and the incredible journey of the human spirit.



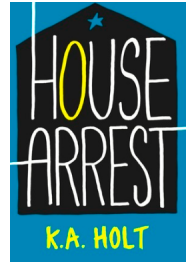
Front Desk by Kelly Yang (Fiction)

Mia Tang has a lot of secrets: She lives in a motel, her immigrant parents clean the rooms while Mia manages the front desk of the Calivista Motel, and her parents hide immigrants. And if the motel owner, Mr. Yao, finds out, the Tangs will be doomed. Mia wants to be a writer, but her mom thinks Mia should stick to math because English is not her first language. Will Mia be able to hold on to her job, help the guests, escape Mr. Yao, and go for her dreams?



***House Arrest* by K.A. Holt (Poetry)**

Twelve-year-old Timothy is spending a year under house arrest after stealing a wallet to pay for medicine for his sick baby brother, Levi. To avoid juvie, he must reflect on what he did in a court-ordered journal, in addition to weekly visits with a probation officer and psychologist.



***Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry (Historical Fiction)**

Ten-year-old Annemarie Johansen and her best friend Ellen Rosen often think of life before the war. It's now 1943 and their life in Copenhagen is filled with school, food shortages, and the Nazi soldiers marching through town. When the Jews of Denmark are "relocated," Ellen moves in with the Johansens and pretends to be one of the family. Soon Annemarie is asked to go on a dangerous mission to save Ellen's life.

