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The teachers at Georgetown Middle School would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the **6th grade GT program**. We are looking forward to meeting you. We anticipate your 6th - grade year will be one that you will long remember, and we hope your classes will be intellectually stimulating and academically rewarding (and fun). We consider it important that you keep your reading skills sharp in order to maintain the gains that you made this past academic year.

At Georgetown Middle School, we believe that summer reading is an essential part of education and growth as an adolescent. Summer reading enables students to continue being active readers and thoughtful writers. In order to complete the summer reading assignment, you will need to choose a book from the **2018-2019 South Carolina Junior Book Award Nominees** list (attached).

Readers should select books that appeal to them, not books that frustrate them. If you have to check the dictionary every 5 minutes, how can you get lost in a book? Use the five-finger rule: find a book that looks good, open it to any random full page, and hold up a finger every time you find a word you don't know. At the end of the page, if you have 4 or 5 fingers up, you're in the wrong book.

Summer Reading Activities: You should choose one activity from Column A and one activity from Column B of the Summer Reading Activities list (attached). **In addition, all GT students** must complete a plot diagram based on their novel selection for a total of 3 activities. All work is expected to be well-written and neat.

This assignment is intended to serve as your first formal grade for the first marking period, and it will be due on **August 26, 2018**. You should take this assignment seriously, do your best work, and have it ready on time.

We hope you have a restful and enjoyable summer and come back excited for the new school year.

Sincerely,

Georgetown Middle School
Grade 6 ELA Team

The mission of Georgetown Middle School is to provide students with opportunities to become successful and responsible citizens in an ever changing society.