

Summer Reading Postcard Exchange

Mail your first **postcard** no later than June 23
Mail your second **postcard** no later than July 28

Dear Rising 6th Graders,

This summer, we hope to get to know you as readers through our “Summer Vacation is for Reading” Postcard exchange, **no letters allowed!** How does this work? Simply choose two books to read during the summer. Be sure these books are titles you have never read before! Choose some good books that will interest you. You can get recommendations from friends, librarians, bookstore owners and websites. Every time you finish a book, send a **postcard** to the school’s address. Postcards can be bought or made out photographs, old greeting cards, or cardstock. This is a great way to help the 6th Grade Team get to know your interests, writing style, and reading preferences.

When you send the postcards (**not letters**), remember to include the following:

- A greeting: Dear Teachers, Hello 6th Grade, etc.
- The title and author of the book you read
- Use one of the suggested prompts to elaborate on the book.
- A closing: Your student, sincerely, etc.
- Sign your name—both first and last names to ensure that you receive credit for summer reading.
- Your parent should sign the card, too.
- Remember the postage stamp before mailing!
- Please do not include your return mailing address since these will be posted in the room, use the school’s mailing address instead:

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Lutz, Florida 33549

Please do not feel limited by these suggested prompts:

- Select a favorite character and tell how s/he changed from the beginning to the end of the novel.
- Write about the main problem and solution in the story.
- Do you agree with the actions of the protagonist/main character in your story? Why/why not?
- If you could change one thing about the story, what would it be? Why?
- What was your favorite line or lines from the book? Why?

Wonder who will have traveled and read the farthest distance? Read closest to Learning Gate? Sent more than 2 postcards? Read the most non-fiction books? Found a fondness of poetry? Found creative places to read? Completed a series? Read more than one book from the same author? Read a variety of genres? We will all find out in August!

Reward yourself by reading!

The 6th Grade Team