

6th Grade Summer Assignment

Dear Sixth Graders,

Welcome to Sixth grade! I am looking forward to learning with you next year. In order to be prepared for English Language Arts class, you must do three things: 1) complete the summer reading assignment, 2) complete the summer typing log, and 3) print and sign this letter.

Details about these assignments are listed below. I will collect this letter on the first day of school as proof that you and your parents know about these assignments, that you did the reading, and that you completed your typing log. Signing this letter is your responsibility and it will be graded!

All summer work is expected to be turned in on the **first day of school**. If you have specific questions regarding summer work, please do not hesitate to contact me at emily.noble@lilaschool.com. Have a fun, relaxing, and safe summer! I'll see you in August!

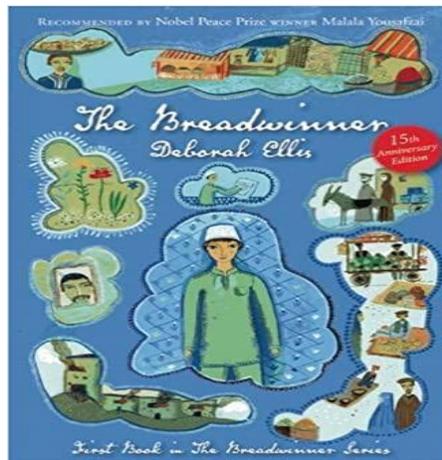
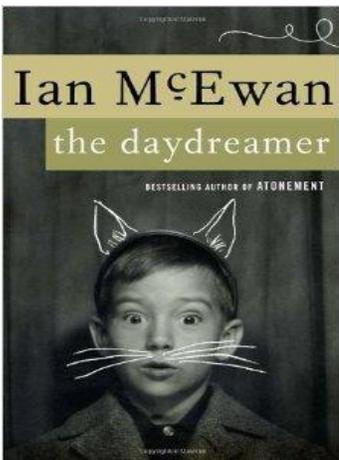
Summer Reading Assignment

● **Everyone is required** to read these two books this summer.

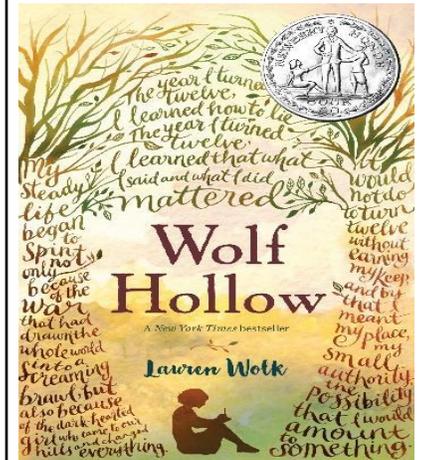
1. *The Daydreamer* by Ian McEwan. This book is **not** optional. Please purchase a book with this ISBN **only**.
2. *The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis. This book is **not** optional. Please purchase a book with this ISBN **only**.

● If you would like an additional challenge, you may choose to read *Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk. This book is optional.

Required reading:



Optional



1. *The Daydreamer* ISBN #: 978-0385498050

Amazon link: <https://www.amazon.com/Daydreamer-Ian-McEwan/dp/0385498055>

2. *The Breadwinner* ISBN #: 9781554987658

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3. *Wolf Hollow* ISBN: 978-1101994849

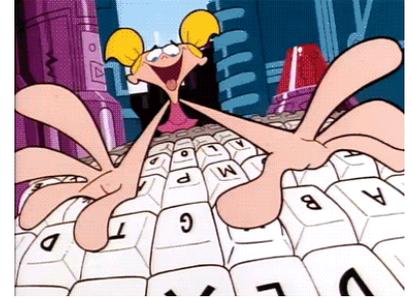
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Note: If the link does not work when you click on it, copy and paste it on your browser.

Summer Typing Assignment

In middle school, keyboarding skills are extremely important. You will be asked to type many essays and assignments. This can be very difficult and time consuming unless you are able to type quickly and efficiently with all your fingers. Therefore, it is imperative that you prepare for 6th grade by continuing to improve your typing skills.



At the beginning of 6th grade, you will take a typing speed test.

Everyone is required to meet the minimum speed of 20 words per minute (wpm) with 90%-100% accuracy.

In order to achieve the minimum goal of 20 wpm, I recommend that you practice for about one hour each week. Think about pacing yourself throughout the week, 10-15 minutes at a time. If you're on a vacation in a remote jungle for a week, of course you won't be able to practice your typing! However, that means the following week, you should practice a bit more to catch up.



Here is a list of helpful websites:

Practice and improve your home row skills

<http://www.typingpal.com> (You already have an account here.)

<https://www.typingclub.com>

<http://www.kidztype.com>

<https://www.typing.com/typinggames>

http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/keyboarding_games.html

Any others that you find on Google are okay too!



Take typing speed tests

<http://typing-speed-test.aoeu.eu/>

<http://thetypingcat.com/typing-speed-test/1m>

<http://www.typingtest.com>

Remember that good keyboarders . . .

- stay on home row (and use *all* their fingers to type).
- maintain good posture.
- keep their eyes on the screen, not on their fingers.
- work on accuracy before speed.