**6th Grade Language and Literature Summer Reading**

Welcome readers and writers to 6th grade Language and Literature! We look forward to working with you during the next school year. As part of this course, students will read a fictional novel over the summer.

Reading over the summer helps keep the students’ minds “in the game,” and it adds to the number of major literary works the students will have read by the time they reach high school. Studies show that **students who do not read over the summer lose two whole months of knowledge. That means if you never read in the summer, you could be up to two years behind in school.** To help you stay ahead and be successful, we encourage you to read for pleasure all summer, and to read one book from two choices before the start of the new school year.

Steps to success:

1. Choose one of the two book choices below. (You are certainly welcome to read both!)
2. The books will be available at your local, public library for free. You can buy a copy from a bookstore (Half Price Books, Barnes and Noble, etc.), or you can purchase a copy on iBooks, Nook, Kindle, etc.).
3. Read your selected book.
4. Be prepared to use the book you read with several learning activities throughout the first six weeks of school.

Any questions that students or parents have should be sent to Keitha Vincent at [kevincent@dallasisd.org](mailto:kevincent@dallasisd.org)

Book choices

***The Dreamer* by Pam Munoz Ryan**

***Becoming Naomi Leone* by Pam Munoz Ryan**

We look forward to working with our students and these novels next year!

Sincerely,

6th Grade Language Arts Team