St. James School
73 Park Street
Manchester, CT

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Dear Incoming Sixth Graders and Parents,

Welcome to Middle School! As you know, reading is a very important skill that helps you to exercise your brain, improve your vocabulary, hone all your language skills, and enjoy some quiet time being transported to places you have dreamed to visit and places you may have never even considered visiting. It is important that you continue to read throughout the summer for pleasure!

Choose **ONE** book from the following list. If you’ve already read one of them, please select another book. Embark upon a new adventure! There will be a **Quiz** to complete during the first full week of school, after short discussions.

- **A Long Way From Chicago** by Richard Peck
- **The Egypt Game** by Zilpha Keatley Snyder
- **Maniac Magee** by Jerry Spinelli
- **The Schwa Was Here** by Neal Shusterman
- **The Trumpeter of Krakow** by Eric P. Kelly (not for Reading 2)
- **The Westing Game** by Ellen Raskin (challenging)
- **Walk Two Moons** by Sharon Creech

Enjoy your summer vacation and Exercise Your Brain!

May the Lord keep you safe and I look forward to seeing you in August!

God Bless You!

Hugs ☺️