

Incoming Sixth Grade Summer Reading
Niskayuna Middle Schools – 2011
Theme: Friendships and New Beginnings

Dear Incoming Sixth Grader,

Welcome to the middle school! We are anxiously awaiting your arrival. In September, we will begin our literary studies with an opportunity to share what you read over the summer with your new teammates. You are encouraged to select a book that has a wonderful plot with interesting characters that relate to the theme, **Friendships and New Beginnings**. This is the theme for sixth grade and will be reflected in much of the literature read and discussed this coming year.

To help you decide what to read, we have provided a short list of books for you. You may choose to read one from the list or just use the titles as a guide for what books may be appropriate.

To help you prepare for our class discussions in September, we would like you to read one book closely and complete the accompanying chart.

Suggested Book Titles:

- *Among the Hidden* - Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *Because of Winn Dixie* – Kate DiCamillo
- *The Lightning Thief* - Rick Riordan
- *Pictures of Hollis Woods* - Patricia Reilly Giff
- *Schooled* - Gordon Korman
- *Things Not Seen* - Andrew Clements

Once you have chosen a book, you can borrow a copy from the public library or purchase your own copy. Two local bookstores, **The Open Door Book Store** and **Barnes and Noble** have a copy of our suggested list.

Next, read your book and complete the chart on the following page. Read the directions carefully and bring your completed work and book (if you can) with you when you return to school in the fall. This chart will help you hold your thinking so you can easily participate in a class discussion about summer reading.

We want you to enjoy this book and hope you get a chance to read others as well. Keep a list of great books you read this summer to share in the fall. If you have any questions about the summer reading work, please contact Jean Winkler, ELA Director, K-8, at 377-2233, ext. 19746

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Iroquois: <http://www.niskayunaschools.org/iroquois/iroqmainpage.htm>
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