



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade June 2009**

## **SUMMER READING**

**Dear Parents and Students of Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade,**

**Summer reading!** As we wave goodbye to you for the summer vacation, it is my desire that you give reading a top spot on your list of summer activities. Unless students read regularly during the break, it is very probable that they will fall behind about three months in their reading achievement. This is called "Summer Slide". What can you do to help? Make sure your student reads the assigned books and completes the attached worksheets. This is to be turned in the first week of school in September. This assignment counts as a test grade. Challenge them to complete the summer reading challenge sponsored by our school. The rewards are great! Be a role model for your child. Studies show that students who see adults read daily or weekly tend to read more and have a higher reading score than those who don't. In addition, studies also show that reading four to five books over the summer can be enough to maintain reading skills.

**THE REQUIRED BOOKS FOR ALL INCOMING 6<sup>th</sup> GRADERS ARE:**

**The Lottery Rose by Irene Hunt**  
**And another book of your choice!**

**This book is available at Barnes and Noble and Border's. Thank you for your attention. May you have a most enjoyable summer!**

**Gratefully,  
Gracie Connell, Middle School Literature**

Novel Questions: The Lottery Rose

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer these questions in complete sentences. This work is due the first week of school.

1. What is the setting (time and place) of the novel?
2. Who is the protagonist (the main character, “the good guy”)?
3. Who is the antagonist (the bad guy)?
4. What is the big problem in this novel?
5. What is the outcome, or how is the problem solved?
6. Which character is your favorite and why?
7. Rate the book. Write three or four sentences stating your opinion.