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Dear NEW 6<sup>th</sup> Grader and Parents (Class of 2020),

I hope that this letter sets you off on a summer of reading and adventures (they can be the same, you know!). I wanted to let you know about your summer reading.

Summer Reading is a part of the Middle School curriculum and a tradition at The San Francisco School. Summer reading provides a common experience for all 6<sup>th</sup> graders and keeps everyone reading enjoyable books during the summer months. Read to each other, a friend, a pet, or by yourself. Be sure that you complete the three books (and more!) by September. Keep a list of **everything** you read – I want to see it the first week of school! The assignment is to read the following:

**#1 The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child by Francisco Jimenez**

In 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, one of the curriculum threads of study will be about immigration: why people live where they live, and why they would choose to move. To begin to understand some of the issues associated with immigration and the impact on globalization, I want you all to read this wonderful collection of short stories by a local author. I looked online and found that this book is readily available at the public library. You may also check your favorite local (used) bookstore for a paperback copy, or get an electronic book.

**#2 The Mighty Miss Malone by Christopher Paul Curtis.**

This is a new book on the summer reading list. I'm hoping you will enjoy reading this book set in the Great Depression. Some of the themes of poverty, tenacity and life choices will be themes that weave in and out through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum.

**#3 A book of your choice! (Librarians, Common Sense Media, Goodreads and friends who love to read are great resources for good books!)**

I read \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Have a wonderful time reading! See you soon!

Sincerely,

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