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Dear NEW 6th Graders and Parents/Guardians,

I hope that this letter sends you off on a summer of reading and other marvelous adventures. I know you will build, play, make, calculate, swim, go on trips, cook and read. I hope you have experiences with family and friends that will keep you active and healthy.

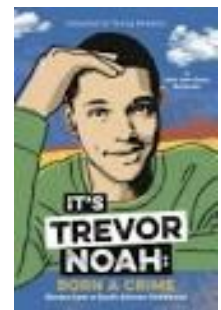
Summer Reading is a part of the Middle School curriculum and a tradition at The San Francisco School. Summer reading provides a common experience for all 6th graders and keeps everyone reading enjoyable books during the summer months. Read to each other, a friend, a pet, or by yourself. Be sure that you complete the two books (and more!) and bring the 3rd to the first day of school. You may want to read The Circuit later in the summer as we will be discussing it when school begins. [Keep a list of everything you read](#) (example of a reading log) - I want to see it the first week of school! Your summer reading will count toward a reading goal that you set next school year. The assignment is to read the following:

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



In 6th Grade, one of the curriculum threads of study will be about group issues - the concerns or shared experiences of people who belong to the same group. To begin to understand some of the issues associated with immigrants, non-English speakers, farmers, and people who farm the circuit of crops, 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. If you have any trouble getting a copy of the book, please email frontdesk@sfschool.org

#2 A memoir of your choice! A memoir is an autobiography, or a written account of one's memory of events or people. Read a memoir connected to a topic that you love: politics, adventure, sailing, math, painting, baseball, etc. (Librarians and friends who love to read are great resources for good books!) Reading a memoir is such a good way to learn about narrative writing, which we will do in the fall.



#3 Choose a book to bring to school on the very first day! We will spend a little bit of time reading everyday and I want you to be in the habit of bringing a book to school so that you are ready to read. (Librarians and friends who love to read are great resources for good books! Also, check out Goodreads or Common Sense Media.)

Have a wonderful time reading! See you on the first day of school!

Sincerely,
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