



PERIMETER SCHOOL  
A Covenant Christian Community

## Rising Sixth Grade Summer Reading Assignment

*The Wednesday Wars* captures the protagonist's middle school experience so deftly that it is perfect for current students. It is a book about a boy who begins to grow up and discovers that there is more to a person than meets the eye, whether that person is your teacher, friend, enemy, sibling, or even your own father. Shakespeare and the Vietnam War are also mentioned in the novel, which we will study in sixth grade.

This required reading must be completed by **the first day of school - August 14**. The novel will be used in the first unit of sixth grade Language Arts, with a comprehensive quiz or test given on **the first Friday of the school year - August 18**.

**This is a three-part assignment.** Please make sure to complete each portion of the assignment. You may neatly complete the assignment in ink, or you may choose to type your assignment.

1. Write a list of the major characters and describe each in at least two sentences.
2. Choose 10 words that are unfamiliar to you and write the definitions.
3. Choose one of the following prompts and write a 10 sentence paragraph responding to the prompt. Remember - this will be your teacher's first introduction to your writing style and technique, so please do your best work.
  - How can political events happening far away affect our home communities?
  - How does Holling grow and change over the course of seventh grade?
  - What role do books (and plays) play in Holling's life?
  - What does it mean to be a true friend to someone?
  - How can we use defeat to grow?

Please **do not** use Cliffs Notes or other study notes to read this book. (According to our school policy, this is not allowed, as it enables our students to rely on someone else's thinking rather than developing their own critical thinking skills.)

Though sixth graders will read only one required book this summer, we encourage you to find other outstanding books on the Honors Reading List located on the school website to read for enjoyment.

Please **do not** write in the book. **Return** it on the first day of school with your completed assignments.