

Grade 6 Summer Reading:

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

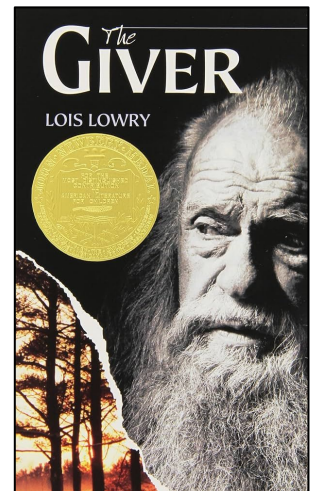
This summer we are asking students to read daily to help maintain skills they have acquired during the school year. As you read and engage with different texts, you'll practice recalling and connecting with information, setting you up for success in the classroom. Remember: A membership to your local library is free and a great way to explore many titles this summer!

Rising sixth graders are responsible for reading one required novel and a novel of their choice. We were extremely fortunate to be able to send your child home with a copy of their required reading this summer. Please note, this novel is mandatory and students will be assessed on their summer reading upon returning to school for their first grade of the year. These assessments will involve written responses to direct novel based questions. All three campuses at the Academy will read this book and engage in lively class discussions in addition to the assessment in September. Please remember to bring your book with you on the first day of school for class discussions!

- **Required Novel:** *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

Life in the community where Jonas lives is idyllic. Designated birthmothers produce newchildren, who are assigned to appropriate family units. Citizens are assigned their partners and their jobs. No one thinks to ask questions. Everyone obeys. Everyone is the same. Except Jonas.

Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver of Memory does he begin to understand the dark, complex secrets behind his fragile community. Gradually Jonas learns that power lies in feelings. But when his own power is put to the test—when he must try to save someone he loves—he may not be ready. Is it too soon? Or too late?



Please reach out to your child's campus if you have any questions. Enjoy your summer and happy reading!

Sincerely,

The Middle School ELA Team

