

June 3, 2022

Dear NEW 6th Grader and Parents/Guardians,

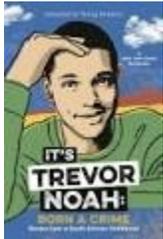
I hope that this letter sends you off on a summer of reading and adventures. Summer looks different this year than it did last year, and I know you will build, play, make, calculate, go on trips, cook and read. I hope you make a list of adventures to keep you active and healthy.

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 - what are 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 let me know!



#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 <https://www.goodreads.com/> or Common Sense Media.)

Have a wonderful time reading! See you in September!

Sincerely,
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