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Dear Parents and rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade students,

During the summer, **rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders** are required to read 2 books from this list. Of course, they may read as many others as they wish!

THE VIEW FROM SATURDAY	E.L. Konigsburg
OLD YELLER	Fred Gipson
THE VOYAGE OF THE FROG	Gary Paulsen
A LONG WAY FROM CHICAGO	Richard Peck
FRIGHTFUL'S MOUNTAIN	Jean Craighead George
THE BRONZE BOW	Elizabeth George Speare
INVINCIBLE LOUISA	Cornelia Meigs
THE BOOK OF THREE	Lloyd Alexander
THE HOUSE OF DIES DREAR	Virginia Hamilton
THE TRUMPETER OF KRAKOW	Eric Kelly
THE YEARLING	Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
LITTLE WOMEN	Louisa May Alcott
CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN	E. Carey & F. Gilbreth

*All of these are available in paperback.*

*Attached to this letter are 2 activities: "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" and "Character Backpack". Your child should complete these for the books read. (It is 1 activity per book.)*

*In addition, your child should design a different cover illustration for 1 of the books. It should be done on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper. The title, author, and your child's name should be included.*

*This work will be collected on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school and will be included in the reading grade for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.*

*Please call the school if you have any questions.*

*Sincerely,*

*Judith M. Webdale*



Name \_\_\_\_\_

### **Follow the Yellow Brick Road!**

Every story has a plot – the events that make up the action of the story. Think about the plot of your novel. In the space below, design a road that the reader moves along when traveling through your book. You can divide the road into parts to show the main events that make up the plot, or put signs along the road to show these events. Be sure to show the events in the order that they occur!

Name \_\_\_\_\_



## Character Backpack

A character in your novel is going on a week-long vacation. Due to limited space and airline restrictions, he/she can bring only ten things, and all ten must fit in a backpack or duffel bag. Select a character from your novel, and think about what he or she would take on a trip. List these items below and explain why you selected each one.

Character:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
1.	
2.	
3.	
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