Hello Incoming 6th Graders,

As the school draws to an end, the English Language Arts (ELA) department has exciting news to share with you about summer. We are continuing the "Cougars & the Community Read" summer reading initiative! This summer, we are expecting you to read at least ONE book of your choice and complete an assignment based on this book. We want you to read, read, read and want each of you to have access to books. The Cougars & the Community read initiative is providing students books, read below to see how.

Want Free Books? To help you get your hands on some good books, you are receiving a $15 coupon to use at the local, independently owned Firefly Bookstore located on Main Street in Kutztown. You can purchase any middle grade or young adult book you would like to read. So think about those books you have been wanting to read and just haven't had the time or money. Use the $15 coupon towards purchasing books. Go to the Firefly Bookstore website for details, and use the coupon code KASDgrade6 at check-out. There is no limit on the number of books you purchase, but there will be no credit or cash remaining after a single use on qualifying purchases that come to less than $15 total. Shipping is FREE in Berks County. Expires 09/30/2020. Additionally, Firefly Bookstore is offering students 25% off select book purchases on their website. (Coupon code cannot be used in combination with other coupons or offers.) One coupon per customer. Use coupon code: FIREFLYREADING when checking out.

Like Prizes? Take part in Firefly's Summer Reading Challenge (details coming soon) and the Kutztown Community Library’s summer reading program.

Share your Thoughts: Complete the assignment attached and bring along to the first day of school. The Grade 6 reading assignment. Your ELA teachers are anxious to see which book you read and to hear your thoughts about this book.

Not Sure What to Read? If you're not sure what book(s) to read, some teachers have suggested a few books for you. Check out the Teacher Recommendations page on our KASD Summer Reading webpage or the Firefly Bookstore website.

Any questions feel free to contact, Dr. Diane Quinn at dquinn@kasd.org, KASD Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development. We hope you have a wonderful summer enjoying your own books you selected to read.

Sincerely,
The Middle School English Language Arts department
Directions: Complete the following about your book. Print this and use your best handwriting to fill in the blanks. Turn this in on the first day of school. You may also make a copy of this Google doc, type your answers, then share the Google doc with me at astem@kasd.org. This will be your first grade for 6th grade.

Name: ______________________
Book Title: __________________

Story Frame

Setting
This story takes place __________________________ (time and place). The author uses words such as ___________________ (adjective) and ___________________ (adjective) to describe where/when this story happens. (Include page number of where adjectives can be found on the line.)

Plot
This story begins when __________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
Next, ________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
Then __________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
The story ends when ____________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________

Character Comparison
and are two characters in the story. is (adjective) while is (adjective). For instance,
tries to and learns a lesson when

Character Analysis

is an important character in the story. is important because . Once he/she

Another time, .
I think that (character name) is (character trait) because

Identifying Problems/Main Ideas (All blanks should relate to the problem.)
The problem in this story was

It started when

After that,

Then
The problem is solved when _____________________________.

If you have any questions please send me an email at astern@kasd.org. I look forward to seeing you in August.