

## Sixth Grade Summer Prep

Rising 6th Graders and Parents,

We hope you all have many fun and relaxing ways to enjoy your summer break. We are looking ahead and making preparations for the 2023-2024 school year. We want to take the opportunity to send you a personal note about the summer reading book and the accompanying assignment along with other ways to prepare for sixth grade. The summer reading book for 6th grade is *Escaping the Giant Wave* by Peg Kehret. You will need to buy the book. [click here](#)

For your assignment,

- **Pre-reading video:** Watch [this video](#) BEFORE reading the book. Use the video to help you think about what you should be annotating/highlighting as you read.
- **Annotations:** You should highlight/underline and make comments on **at least 3 selections** in **each** chapter. Annotations should include:
  - Anything you have a question about
  - Anything you find interesting or exciting
  - Anything you don't understand
  - Key vocabulary
  - Any words you don't understand
  - Anything you think is important
  - Any figurative languages used (similes, metaphors, idioms, onomatopoeias, etc.)
- **Post-reading article:** Read [this article](#) after finishing the book. Focus on the sections labeled "Tsunami Safety" and "Tsunami Forecasting." Make any important notes you want to keep about this article inside the back or front cover of your book.

Assignment Specifics:

- Complete the entire assignment **inside** the book.
- This assignment must be in your best handwriting using a pencil and highlighter (NO PENS). It does not matter whether you print or write in cursive. It must be legible and NEAT!
- This assignment is due on the **first day** of school and will count as your first test grade for Quarter 1. If you are a returning student (you attended MA the 2022-2023 school year) and you do not have your book with annotations on the first day of school, points will be deducted from your grade.
- **Complete an in-class essay on your book and additional readings (50 point test grade).**  
Using the information you have gathered in your annotations of your readings and additional information from the articles, you will write an in-class essay on your book during the 1st week of school.

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Austin with any questions. Due to summer activities away from school, you may not receive an immediate response. You will receive an email within 48 hours. [caustin@macademy.org](mailto:caustin@macademy.org)

Memorize your multiplication facts!!

Multiplication facts are at the core of everything you will learn in 6th-grade math. If you come to school in August fluently knowing your multiplication facts, you will be able to focus on learning new concepts like ratios and rates, simple probability, simplifying fractions, and solving equations without the hindrance of stopping to figure out the product of seven times eight.

Here are a few websites to help you practice your multiplication facts:  
Multiplication.com

Mathplayground.com

Xtramath.org

ascendmath.com

If your child is struggling to learn their multiplication facts, here are some ideas that might help:

<https://www.weareteachers.com/22-fun-hands-on-ways-to-teach-multiplication/>

Students will have a timed facts test the first week of school. Be ready to rock it!

Bible-

If you are looking for a place to start bible reading as a family, we recommend the book of John. The 6th grade students will cover the Old and New Testaments through the school year, but a deeper dive into the life of Christ is always a good place to start!

We hope you have a Wonderful Summer Break, we'll see you in August!!

~The Sixth Grade Team

Mrs. Pendergrass (Math and Bible)

Mrs. Austin (English Language Arts)

Mrs. Moore (Science and History)