



Ho-Ho-Kus Public School

Required Summer Reading

for

Sixth Grade

2021

Mrs. Frassetto

Welcome to the Sixth-Grade Summer Reading Page 2021

“So it is with children who learn to read fluently and well: They begin to take flight into whole new worlds as effortlessly as young birds take to the sky.” ---William James

Summer offers a perfect opportunity to rediscover the pleasure of reading at a leisurely and enjoyable pace. Connecting to stories that are exciting and engaging is key to developing lifelong reading habits, and students are encouraged to read widely and sample a variety of genres. Reading, writing, and success in school are closely interrelated. Even more importantly, reading engages the imagination like no other medium, transporting readers into the hearts and minds of others.

Instructions:

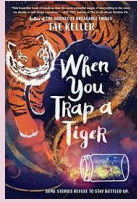
All students in middle school must read *When You Trap A Tiger* by Tae Keller and complete the activity. Assignments should be completed before the beginning of school. Please make your own copy so that you are able to post in it your 6th grade English Google Classroom.

Work will be due on Tuesday, September 14, and will count as a homework grade.

If you have questions during the summer, please e-mail Mrs. Frassetto at kfrassetto@hohokus.org.

1. **Required:** *When You Trap a Tiger* by *Tae Keller*
 - o All students must read *When You Trap a Tiger* and complete the attached assignments.
2. **Required:** CHOICE - *The Transall Saga* by Gary Paulsen OR *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan
 1. **Options:** (Choose one novel to read and complete the activities)
 - o **Required Option A:** *The Transall Saga* by Gary Paulsen
 - o **Required Option B:** *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Required Reading:



When You Trap a Tiger

Tae Keller

****WINNER OF THE NEWBERY MEDAL • NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER**

****WINNER OF THE ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN AWARD FOR CHILDREN'S LITERATURE**

Would you make a deal with a magical tiger? This uplifting story brings Korean folklore to life as a girl goes on a quest to unlock the power of stories and save her grandmother.

Some stories refuse to stay bottled up...

When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives, prompting Lily to unravel a secret family history. Long, long ago, Halmoni stole something from the tigers. Now they want it back. And when one of the tigers approaches Lily with a deal—return what her grandmother stole in exchange for Halmoni's health—Lily is tempted to agree. But deals with tigers are never what they seem! With the help of her sister and her new friend Ricky, Lily must find her voice...and the courage to face a tiger.

*Tae Keller, the award-winning author of *The Science of Breakable Things*, shares a sparkling tale about the power of stories and the magic of family. Think *Walk Two Moons* meets *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*!*

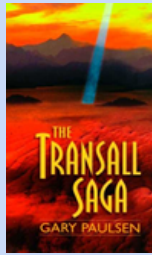
“If stories were written in the stars ... this wondrous tale would be one of the brightest.” –Booklist, Starred Review



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1. Read here to learn more about [Tae Keller](#)
2. [Activity #1: When You Trap a Tiger](#)
3. [Questions \(Choose 3\)](#)

Choice Reading: Choose one of the following novels to read and complete the assignment:



***The Transall Saga* by Gary Paulsen**

An adventurous boy named Mark is transported through time to a strange and dangerous world where he encounters friendships but also faces violence and war as he struggles to survive and tries to understand this puzzling new world.



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1. [Click here to learn more about Gary Paulsen](#)
2. Complete the slides as you read
 [Activities](#)



***Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan**

A young girl, Esperanza (meaning “hope”), lives with her wealthy family in Mexico. She is just about to celebrate her birthday when suddenly her family’s plantation is attacked, and she and her mother must flee to America.

They become farm workers and use their strength, determination, and imagination to make a living and regain their happiness



1. **Click here to learn more about [Pam Muñoz Ryan](#)**
2. Complete the slides as you read:

[Activities](#) by Pam Muñoz Ryan