

Welcome to Middle School!

The 2020-2021 school year will be one of the most exciting years in your school career. You are now part of the Middle School community.

For your summer reading, a copy of the novel *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt has been enclosed with your Anchorage packet. **You will need to bring this with you on the first day of classes.** This will be one of the first things we look at in our reading section.

The reading contains some rather complex ideas for discussion, and you will find attached questions for response. These will also be contained on Google Classroom where you can join the "6th Grade Summer Reading" page with the code [qee367u](#). (Students only please!) I've made a copy of this document which contains the questions for each student in Google classroom. This allows you to open the document and answer directly there - just scroll down once you're opening this in classroom for the questions. Be sure to "turn in" or submit your responses! One of our standards asks us to compare the reading of a story to the viewing of it. So please hold off on trying to watch the movie for this. 😊

Your 6th grade Language Arts teachers look forward to meeting you in August. Have a safe and fun summer.

Tuck Everlasting by: Natalie Babbitt

Chapters 1-9

1. Why is Winnie discontent at the beginning of the story?
2. Why doesn't Jessie want Winnie to drink from the spring?
3. What does Mae mean when she says, "The worst is happening at last." (p. 30)
4. What makes this story part of the fantasy genre?

Chapters 10-19

1. How do the Tucks show kindness to Winnie?
2. What is the motive of the man in the yellow suit?
3. Why has living forever not always been fun for the Tucks?
4. Why does Tuck say he and his family are "like rocks beside the road"?

Chapters 20 - Epilogue

1. Why is Tuck distressed about Mae being hung on the gallows?
2. Why does Tuck say "Good girl" when he sees that Winnie is dead?
3. How are wheels an important symbol in this story?