

# Hill Country Middle School

## Incoming 6th Graders



**Summer reading expectations:** Incoming 6th graders are required to read at least **one** book this summer, and complete one video booktalk using Flipgrid. The **Grade 6 Summer Reading Fligrd** (a daily grade in English class) will be used as a starting point this fall for discussions about great books to read.

**FLIPGRID.**

First, **join** our HCMS Grade 6 Summer Reading Flipgrid. Flipgrid is a safe and private website and app where students can create book talk videos and share what they are reading with other HCMS students.

### Signing Up for Flipgrid:

Device app option: 1) Download the Flipgrid app from Self Service or App Store 2) Click on "I am a Student." 3) enter grid code [27ae57](#) 4) enter password: **hcms6**

Computer option: 1) Click this link: <https://flipgrid.com/27ae57> 2) enter password: **hcms6**

### Now add a book talk:

Click the plus sign, and record yourself giving a book talk. You have 2 minutes to create your video.

Use the following script to guide your book talk:

*My name is ...*

*(As you hold up the book) The book I read was (title) ... by (author)...*

*The book was about ... (tell enough to interest the audience but don't give away too much!)*

*I thought this book was ... (How many stars? Reason you liked it? etc.)*

The cover image for your Flipgrid should be a picture of YOU holding the book (and only that!).

### Need a book recommendation?

[Texas Lone Star Reading List](#) or [Middle Grade Suggestions](#) or [More Middle Grade Suggestions](#)

### Summer Reading:

Students are invited to check out up to 10 books from the HCMS Library to read over the summer.

Download [THIS PERMISSION SLIP](#), return to the Library May 21 - 25, and check out books to take home!

Watch [THIS VIDEO](#) for more info!

Have a wonderful summer! Happy reading, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!

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