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Dear Parents/Guardians of the Incoming 6th Grade Class,

Congratulations on completing the 2020-2021 academic year!

To help students maintain this year's reading progress and retain critical reading skills, all incoming sixth grade students must read the following novel for summer reading in English Language Arts class: **Holly Goldberg Sloan's *Short* (ISBN#: 978-0399-1862-26)**. Purchasing a physical copy – rather than borrowing from a library or downloading on an e-reader – is strongly encouraged. The title is available in paperback for your convenience.

Short is a contemporary work of realistic fiction that promotes tolerance and celebrates diversity through the spunky voice of Julia Marks, an 11-year-old protagonist cast as a Munchkin in a summer production of *Wizard of Oz*. To supplement the novel, students must complete a packet of chapter-by-chapter comprehension question. It will guide their reading and help them self-monitor their comprehension of plot, characterization, and figurative language. The questions cover a range of formats: text-dependent short response, true/false, and multiple choice. Short response questions should be answered in complete sentences with restated questions and attention to capitalization and grammar. Students will receive a test on the book upon their return to school in September. In addition to the novel itself, the question packet will serve as students' main study resource.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or comments throughout the summer at jbrown5578@hnomschool.org. Have a happy, healthy, and safe summer vacation! I look forward to working together to encourage learning and faith in our students this coming fall!

Sincerely,

Ms. Brown

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