Dear Incoming Grade 6 Student:

Welcome to the Middle School! We are looking forward to having you in our Grade 6 English classes in August.

Every summer, ZIS Middle School students are expected to maintain a regular reading habit, including completing one suggested text. The practice of daily reading will help prevent summer reading loss, where a student falls back in reading level if they don’t read books over the summer. Also, reading over the summer will keep your vocabulary and English-language skills growing over the vacation. As always, our goal is to develop lifelong readers and thinkers.

You must choose at least one of the four fiction books from the list on the back of this page. You will notice there are two optional non-fiction texts that can be read in addition to the required reading. Reading levels are included for all. They are arranged according to difficulty level from easier to more challenging. All titles are available at Orell Füssli located in downtown Zurich at Füsslistrasse 4, via Amazon.co.uk or Bookdepository.com, through E-readers, or most standard Anglophone bookstores while traveling. **They will not be provided by the school.** All students may supplement their reading with the audio book, if desired.

The first English lessons of the new school year will be based upon the book you have read over the summer, and you should bring this book to class with you in your first week back. If you love reading and will have read more than one book over the summer, you may choose to bring to class any one of the books you have read.

Over the summer, students who have registered to return to ZIS for the 2018-2019 school year may check out up to four books from the Library Media Centre.

Have a wonderful summer,

Grade 6 Teachers
Grade 6 Text Choices

**Fiction (Required Reading):**

*Skellig* by David Almond  
ISBN # 978 0340944950  
Other versions: Kindle, Audible, Audio CD

*Fablehaven by Brandon Mull*  
Other versions: Kindle, Audible

*City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau  
ISBN # 978 0375822742  
Other versions: Kindle, Audio CD, Audible

*Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper  
ISBN# 978 1501260285  
Other versions: Kindle, Whispersync for Voiceready

**Non-Fiction (Optional Reading):**

*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba and Byran Mealer  
ISBN # 978 0147510426  
Other versions: Kindle, Whispersync for Voiceready

*Bomb* by Steve Sheinkin  
ISBN # 978 1596438613  
Other versions: Kindle, Whispersync for Voiceready