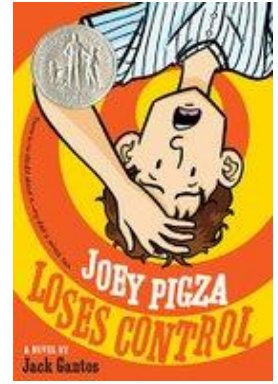


BOSTON COLLEGIATE CHARTER SCHOOL
Summer Reading and Writing 2018
ENTERING GRADE 6



This summer, please read/complete:

- One **required** book: Joey Pigza Loses Control

Copies of this book to **BORROW** will be distributed to all incoming 6th-graders.
This book must be **returned** the first week of sixth grade.

- One **additional** book of your **choice**, that you have not read before,
from the attached list

You do **not** need to complete any assignments related to this book.
However, please be ready to discuss and briefly describe the book to your teacher.

- One **letter**, typed and printed out *or* handwritten, to your new teachers
- *BONUS*** On the **optional** sheet, track **ALL** books you read this summer!

Students who complete this will start the year with up to 30 additional **MERITS**
(+You'll be even **BETTER** at reading! 😊)

Info for parents:

It's the family's responsibility to obtain a copy of one 'free choice' book (listed next page). You can **buy** these new or used, or rent them from the **library** (*e-readers are okay, too!*). Several of these books are available in the **BCCS school library**; students are welcome to ask their reading teacher during the last week of school to borrow one over the summer.

The reading levels [RL] listed indicate approximate reading level in school years.

For example, 4.5 would mean halfway through fourth grade year.

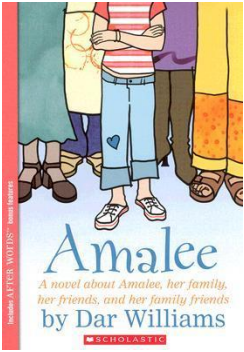
*It's **okay** for students to choose a text about 1-2 grade levels above OR below their reading level if it interests them, but we don't recommend much higher or lower than this.* If you have questions about your student's **reading level** or if you have trouble **finding** these books, you may contact the school over the summer.

FREE CHOICE BOOK LIST:

CHOOSE ONE (or more! 😊) you *HAVEN'T* yet read

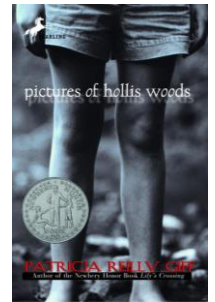
1. Williams, Dar AMALEE (RL: 4.4)

Amalee's world is all out of order. She's used to chaos, because of the frequent presence of her father's bantering, bickering group of fun friends. But when Amalee's dad becomes seriously ill, the chaos takes new forms, and the ways of coping come from some very unexpected places.



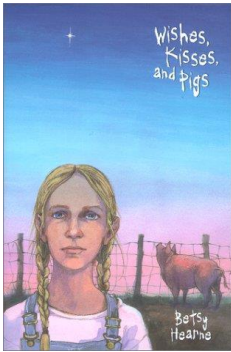
2. Giff, Patricia PICTURES OF HOLLIS WOODS (RL: 4.5)

Abandoned at birth, Hollis Woods has always wished for a family. One of her many foster parents described her as "a mountain of trouble." When a retired art teacher takes the 12-year-old into her home, the two bond almost immediately. However, as Josie becomes more forgetful, Hollis must become the caregiver, and in doing so she remembers key events from her own life.



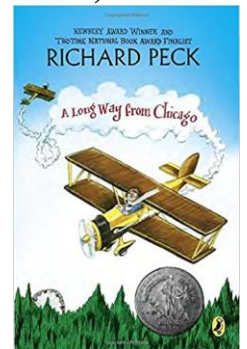
3. Hearne, Betsy WISHES, KISSES, AND PIGS (RL: 4.6)

Louise Tolliver loves Tolliver's Hollow, the "peculiar" place where she lives with her mother and brother. She just wishes that her father hadn't disappeared seven years ago, and that her brother, Willie, didn't tease her so much. Still, when she calls Willie a pig as the evening star appears, she never meant for the wish to come true!



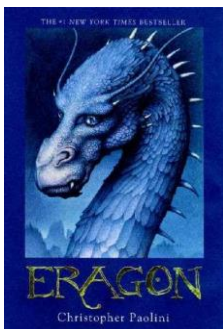
4. Peck, Richard A LONG WAY FROM CHICAGO (RL: 4.6)

Set in the 1930s, the book follows Joe and Mary Alice Dowdel as they make their annual August trek to visit their grandmother, who lives in a sleepy Illinois town. A woman with plenty of gusto, Grandma Dowdel uses her wit and ability to tell whoppers to get the best of manipulative people.



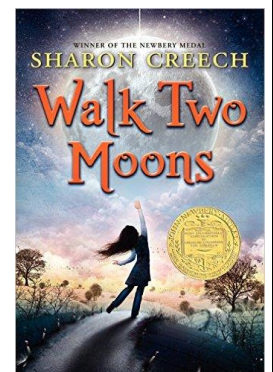
5. Paolini, Christopher ERAGON (RL: 7.8)

When Eragon finds a polished blue stone in the forest, he is thrust overnight into a perilous new world of destiny, magic, and power. With only an ancient sword and the advice of an old storyteller, Eragon and his fledgling dragon must navigate the dangerous terrain and dark enemies of an Empire ruled by a king whose evil knows no bounds.

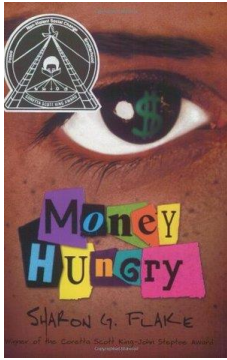


6. Creech, Sharon WALK TWO MOONS (RL: 6.6)

Thirteen-year-old Salamanca Tree Hiddle's mother leaves home suddenly on a spiritual quest, vowing to return, but can't keep her promise. The girl and her father leave their farm in Kentucky and move to Ohio, where Sal meets Phoebe Winterbottom, also 13. While Sal accompanies her eccentric grandparents on a six-day drive to Idaho to retrace her mother's route, she entertains them with the tale of Phoebe, whose mother has also left home.



***MS. JB AND MS. SHIPOW'S FAVORITE BOOK OF ALL TIME!* →**

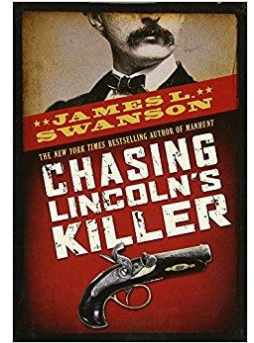


7. Flake, Sharon **MONEY HUNGRY** (RL: 5.9)

13-year-old Raspberry Hill knows first-hand that living in a housing project is better than being out on the streets, and she and her mother are determined to move to a safer neighborhood. That's why Raspberry is hoarding her savings and doing almost anything to earn a few extra dollars. When her money issues begin interfering with her friendships, Raspberry is forced to reexamine her priorities and values.

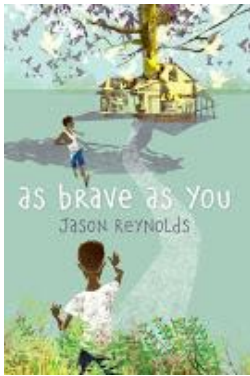
8. Swanson, James **CHASING LINCOLN'S KILLER**

(RL: 8.3) "Chasing Lincoln's Killer" is a fast-paced, non-fiction thriller about the pursuit of John Wilkes Booth and his co-conspirators. It recounts the assassination of the president, as well as the twelve-day chase through the streets of Washington, D.C., the swamps of Maryland, and the forests of Virginia.



9. Alexander, Kwame **CROSSOVER** (RL: 5.8)

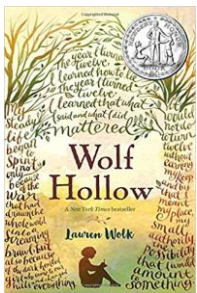
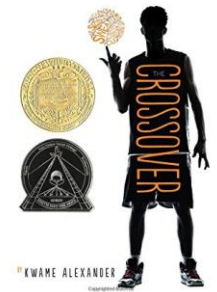
Josh and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood. He's got mad beats too, beats that tell his family's story in a series of **poems instead of regular paragraphs**. But both brothers must come to grips with growing up, on and off the court, as they realize breaking the rules can come at a terrible price. **Please choose ONLY if you weren't already in the Crossover group this year!**



10. Reynolds, Jason **AS BRAVE AS YOU** (RL: 5.2)

Genie's summer is full of surprises. The first is that he and his big brother, Ernie, are leaving Brooklyn for the very first time to spend the summer with their grandparents all the way in Virginia—in the COUNTRY! The second

surprise comes when Genie figures out that their grandfather is blind. When the two brothers decide to prove how brave they are, everything backfires—literally.



11. Wolk, Lauren **WOLF HOLLOW** (RL: 5.4)

Growing up in the shadows cast by two world wars, Annabelle has lived a mostly quiet, steady life in her small Pennsylvania town. Until the day new student Betty walks into her class and quickly reveals herself to be cruel and manipulative. Her bullying seems isolated at first, but things quickly escalate, and reclusive World War I veteran Toby becomes a target of her attacks. While others have always seen Toby's strangeness, Annabelle knows only kindness. She will soon need to find the courage to stand as a lone voice of justice as tensions mount.

12. Stead, Rebecca **GOODBYE, STRANGER** (RL: 5.0)

Back in grade five, Bridge, Tabitha and Emily made a pact. Never to fight, ever. Now, two years later, they're still best friends, but other things are changing. Bridge meets Sherm, and is soon excited and confused by her new, strange feelings. And when Emily starts texting pictures of herself to Patrick, Bridge and Tab find things spiraling out of control.



13. Lewis, John **MARCH** (RL: 6.3)

The first book in this graphic novel (*comic book-style*) series written by US Congressman John Lewis, March is a vivid first-hand account of Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights. Rooted in Lewis' personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement of the 1960s, when activists sought equal rights for all races.

Parents: Be aware March contains depictions of violence.

LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

Your 6th grade teachers are excited to get to know you!

Please write a letter, at least **three separate paragraphs** answering at least **three** of the questions below.

- What do you **like** about school?
- What were your **favorite** BOOKS or ASSIGNMENTS this year? Why?
- What's something fun you did this **summer**?
- What do you like to do in your **spare time**?
- What do you want to be when you **grow up**?
- Who do you **live** with?
- What's your favorite **place**?
- What are three **traits** you would use to describe yourself?
- What do you wish people **knew** about you?
- Is there anything **else** you want us to know about you?

Your letter will be graded for:

- **Content**
 - *Make sure you answer at least **three** of the questions above!*
- **Spelling of simple words**
 - *(If you are using a particularly sophisticated and difficult word—that's awesome!! Just do your very best on it OR look it up!)*
- **Punctuation and Capitalization**
 - Names, places, beginnings of sentences **capitalized!**
- **Paragraphs:**
 - At least **THREE** total
- Overall **effort** and **neatness!**

THIS LETTER IS DUE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

(You may also **type** and print the letter. Detach the letter from this packet.)

BOOKS READ BY _____: SUMMER '18

This final challenge sheet is **OPTIONAL** (*you don't have to do it*), but can be a fun way to **challenge** yourself + **improve** your reading! Any student who lists at least **2** books on it and brings it back on the first day of school can start the year with up to **30 MERITS!**



Please be **specific**; if the book is part of a series, list the # or title of the specific book.

*You **CAN** include your required reading on here!*

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*Read **more** than 15? Amazing! Attach a separate sheet! 😊*

TOTAL # OF BOOKS: _____

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