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| **“Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.”**  -Joseph Addison (English poet)  http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/00/Apple-book.svg/327px-Apple-book.svg.pngThe Language Arts class encourages students to read independently at all levels. Students are responsible for reading novels outside of class as well as those for in-class intensive study. Part of a student’s Language Arts grade each quarter is for independent reading.  Educational research suggests that helping children become lifelong pleasure readers succeeds when parents, teachers, and students work together. That is why students are required to participate in the ORBIT (Outside Reading… Because It’s Terrific) program.  C:\Users\Susie\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\YDBAFDPT\MC900199233[1].wmf | **6th Grade Independent Reading Guidelines**   * Students are required to read a minimum of 9 books for the year. * What students read should be documented in the ORBIT independent reading forms provided in class. To earn credit, students must read an appropriate book (for the particular student) and complete the form (fiction or nonfiction). * 125 pages = 1 book * 250 pages = 2 books * 375 pages= 3 books * When the form is completed, parents must sign it. * Students will then hand in the forms to me for class credit. * Students may hand in forms early and ALL are encouraged to read more than is required. | **Important Dates**  Signed ORBIT forms are due by the following dates:  1st Marking Period  3 books or 375 pages due  on or before November 20, 2018  2nd Marking Period  3 books or 375 pages due  on or before February 22, 2019  3rd Marking Period  3 books or 375 pages due  on or before May 24, 2019  Let’s work together to make your children lifelong readers.  Thank you for cooperation! |

Please sign below and have your parent/guardian sign to show that it has been read. Keep this sheet so that you may refer to it throughout the school year.

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