

June 17, 2020

Dear Rising Sixth Graders,

I'm very excited at the thought of working with you next year. We'll be doing quite a lot of reading and writing and thinking. Be ready to work hard!

To get a head start, I am assigning two reading projects for this summer. The first is a book of your choice. Please write a letter to me about the book you choose and be sure to bring me up to date on your reading life. Tell me what you've been reading, what you're thinking about, and how your reading impacts your life. You can email me your letters at mcurry@stephremschool.org.

For your second book, I am assigning *Fish in a Tree*, by Linda Mullaly Hunt. I want to hear your thoughts and feelings, so I'm giving you several options for how to share them:

Choose **one** (or a combination) and be creative. I want this to be about you.

- 1: Keep a journal as you read – a diary of sorts – sharing your reactions to the story.
- 2: Are you artistic? Express your thoughts in an art journal or a “graphic diary” (sort of like a comic-book diary). Be creative.
- 3: Write a book review that could be posted on an online review site (like Goodreads) recommending this book (or not). Note: This is not a summary of the book; it gives your opinion of the book and the reasons you do or do not recommend it.
- 4: Write a letter to one of the characters or the author. Share your reactions.
- 5: Do you love technology? Create your own book trailer.
6. In the book, Ally is always creating what she calls mind movies and she keeps a book she calls her “Sketchbook of Impossible Things.” Make your version.

Have a great summer!

Mrs. Curry