

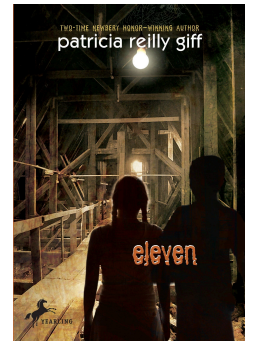
Dear rising 6th grade students and families,

We hope you had a wonderful year in 5th grade and are looking forward to 6th grade! To keep you skills sharp over the summer, we have two requests of you:

**1) Spend some time on IXL each week.** Aim for about an hour each week, either all at once, or a few minutes each day.

**2) Complete the required reading assignment!** Incoming 6th graders will be reading the book ***Eleven* by Patricia Reilly Giff**. Have you celebrated your eleventh birthday yet? Our main character, Sam, is just about to celebrate his—but on a hunt for his hidden birthday presents, he makes a shocking discovery! Join him on his journey to find out more of his own story! The book is suspenseful, has great characters, and is a great reference point for us as we jump into our first quarter reading skills. Here's how to proceed:

- Obtain a copy of the book from a library, bookstore, or mail-order company like Amazon. You do not need to have a copy to keep; you only need it to read over the summer. It would be fine for you to share a copy with other students, each taking a turn to read it. Please make sure to get the right *Eleven*—there are multiple books by other authors with that title. Being eleven is a pretty big deal! Here's a link to the book on Amazon and an image of the front cover. <https://a.co/d/iP6EbFm> It's okay if your cover art doesn't exactly match this, as long as the title and author are the same!
- Read and enjoy!
- Once you've read the book (or while you're reading), answer the following questions on a sheet of paper. Your work should be in your own handwriting, using complete sentences and correct punctuation and capitalization. Be sure to put your name on your paper!
  1. **Describe the three main characters in *Eleven*: Sam, Mack, and Caroline. Focus on the characters' lives and personalities, not their physical traits.**
  2. **Sam and Caroline are partners for a school project. What is the project? How is it significant to Sam's search?**
- Pack your backpack! Your answers will be due on the first day of school. When school begins, you are welcome to take the AR test over the book if you haven't done so in the past. It is worth 4 points. Have an amazing summer, and feel free to email Mrs. Boone at [kboone@icsnlr.org](mailto:kboone@icsnlr.org) if you have any questions!



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