

# Pleasantville Public Schools



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Dear Families and Future Middle Schoolers,

Welcome to middle school—your next big adventure! We're so excited to have you join us in 6th grade this fall, and we have the perfect way to kick off your journey: a great book and a fun assignment to get your brain moving this summer!

This year's summer reading book is *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen. It's a fast-paced, funny, and thought-provoking novel about friendship, standing up for what's right, and saving the environment—all with a few hilarious twists along the way!

## What You'll Need to Do:

1. Read *Hoot* over the summer.
2. Complete the attached [Story Map](#) to help you think about the characters, setting, plot, and themes.
3. Turn in your completed Story Map on the first full day of school—this will count as your first quiz grade in middle school!

A physical copy of *Hoot* is included with this letter, but you can also read it digitally using the SORA app. SORA is free and gives you access to tons of books right on your phone, tablet, or computer!

## To log in to SORA:

- Visit <https://soraapp.com>
- Click Find My School, then search for *Pleasantville Public Schools*
- Click on our school, then choose Pleasantville Public Schools again
- Log in with your PPS Google credentials (the same email and password you use at school!)

We know summer is a time for rest and fun, but we also want to keep our minds sharp and avoid the “summer slide.” Reading just a little each day helps keep your brain active and sets you up for success in September. Plus, *Hoot* is such a fun read, you might not want to put it down!

We can't wait to see what you think of the book and to welcome you to middle school in the fall!

Happy Reading,  
The 6th Grade ELA Team  
Pleasantville Middle School