All 6th graders should read the novel *Hatchet* by Gary Paulson. This novel is the primary text for our first unit. Although there is no written assignment for the summer, think about the following things as you read.

**Characterization**
- How does Brian change during the book?
- How does Gary Paulson develop Brian’s character
- What words would you use to describe Brian?

**Plot**
- What problems (conflicts) does Brian face?
- How are the problems resolved?
- How does Gary Paulson make the story interesting?

**Vocabulary**
- Highlight or underline any words that you don’t know.
- It might be helpful to keep a list of unfamiliar words on a post-it.

**Other Great Books to Read**
If you are looking for some other great books to read this summer, my students last year really enjoyed reading *Among the Hidden, Stormbreaker, Dead Boys, Ghost* (Jason Reynolds), *Brave, Beyond the Bright Sea, and Slider*. If you have any questions, feel free to email me. Have a wonderful summer.

(*Louisiana Young Readers’ Choice nominees)

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The Emperor’s Silent Army, Jane. O’Connor.

Please read the book and be prepared to discuss it during the first few days/weeks of school. It would be helpful to mark interesting facts or things you’d like to discuss or learn more about with post-it notes. You are also welcomed to take notes on the book. There is not a written assignment due on the reading.

In both Science and SS, The Emperor’s Silent Army will be discussed and then used to complete in class assignments.