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To My Incoming Sixth Graders:

I hope you enjoy the fullness of God's blessings this summer, with rest, growth, service, and gratitude. Along the way, you get to read ***The Phantom Tollbooth*** **by Norton Juster** (due by the first day of school). This book has much humor, especially in the form of puns. It also is full of wisdom to help you open your eyes wider to the wonder of God's world around you.

To read is to think, so to help you read well, record definitions and quotes in one of the composition notebooks that are on your supply list for 6th grade.

1. Define **two words per chapter** (40 total). Pick words you do not know, or if you think you know all of them, pick words used in an unusual way. Use a high quality dictionary with thorough definitions. If a word has several meanings, pick the definition that fits the context where you found the word. Do not use definitions that just repeat the word. Do not define "quickly" as "in a quick manner." Instead, go on to look up "quick."
2. Record the **best quote in each chapter** (20 total). What quote is the most insightful, the most wise, the most interesting, or the most thought-provoking?

Everything should be written with perfect accuracy and beautiful penmanship, like this:

> *Chapter 1*
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> *Ubiquitous: being or seeming to be everywhere all the time.*
> *Censor: an official who examines mail to remove information that could be a security risk.*
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> *"Dear Jesus, how foolish of me to have called for human help when You are here."*
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> *Chapter 2*
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> *Decrepit: broken down with age; wasted and enfeebled by the infirmities of old age; feeble; worn out.*

We will use your definitions and quotes to fuel a discussion to kick off the school year, so gather well! As a bonus, gather up your **favorite puns** as well! See you then!

Mr. Kimball