

Please return by September 16th

Dear Parents:

As a part of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade STARS curriculum the 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be participating in several listening and viewing activities to support their learning in fictional and informational genres. Below is a list of some of the films I may be sharing with students throughout the school year.  
(Film synopses from Amazon and Barnes and Noble Bookstores.)

**The Story of Ruby Bridges**

**Rated:** Not Rated

**Genre:** Biography

The moving true story of a 6-year-old New Orleans girl who caught the country's attention when she became her elementary school's first black student in 1960 is told in this "Wonderful World of Disney" feature. Michael Beach, Penelope Ann Miller, Lela Rochon, and Chaz Monet as Ruby

**Apollo 13**

**Rated:** PG

**Genre:** Docudrama, Historical Film, Space Adventure, Drama

"Houston, we have a problem." Those words were immortalized during the tense days of the Apollo 13 lunar mission crisis in 1970, events recreated in this epic historical drama from Ron Howard. Astronaut Jim Lovell (Tom Hanks) leads command module pilot Jack Swigert (Kevin Bacon) and lunar module driver Fred Haise (Bill Paxton) on what is slated as NASA's third lunar landing mission. All goes smoothly until the craft is halfway through its mission, when an exploding oxygen tank threatens the crew's oxygen and power supplies. As the courageous astronauts face the dilemma of either suffocating or freezing to death, Mission Control leader Gene Kranz (Ed Harris) struggle to find a way to bring the crew back home, all the while knowing that the spacemen face probable death once the battered ship reenters the Earth's atmosphere. The film received an overwhelmingly enthusiastic critical response and a Best Picture nomination, but lost that Oscar to another (very different) historical epic, Mel Gibson's Braveheart. In 2002, the movie was released in IMAX theaters as Apollo 13: The IMAX Experience, with a pared-down running time of 116 minutes in order to meet the technical requirements of the large-screen format. ~ Don Kaye, Rovi  
Thank you for completing the attached form and returning it promptly.

Respectfully yours,

6<sup>th</sup> Grade STARS Teachers

**I hereby give my permission for my child to view:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Any G or PG movie that supports the school's curriculum

\_\_\_\_\_ ALL the movies described above

\_\_\_\_\_ ALL the movies EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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