



Summer Reading for 6th Grade

Required Reading

Students entering the 6th grade are required to choose one of the books from the attached list to read over the summer:

Upon returning to school in August, each student will complete a book report over the book he/she read over the summer and present to the class for a Reading grade. Your child's teacher will share detailed information with students once school begins in August.

Pleasure Reading

We encourage students to spend time over the summer reading books for pleasure. In elementary school, each child is developing as a reader. To develop strength in this area, children need lots of time to read many different books which interest them. Not only does this allow your child to practice their reading skills, but regular reading also affects a child's vocabulary development and success in school.

Why is Summer Reading Important?

Research has proven that the impact of summer reading loss can be significant. Studies also show that access to books during the summer prevents a drastic loss in reading skill.

- If your child is among the top 25 percent of readers for their age, they will probably continue to make some progress during the summer.
- If your child is an average reader for their age, they will likely remain steady or fall slightly during the summer.
- If your child is among the students who have made slower reading achievement during the school year, they are at risk of suffering from a significant reading loss over the summer.
- Research has shown that the best predictor of reading achievement is the amount of time spent reading. The more time a child spends reading, the better reader they become. So the best thing you can do for your child is reading to them, reading with them, and giving them opportunities for more reading.

The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare	Animal Farm by George Orwell
The Hiding Place: The Triumphant True Story of Corrie Ten Boom by Corrie ten Boom	The Magician's Nephew (Chronicles of Narnia, #6) by C.S. Lewis
The Call of the Wild by Jack London	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (Logans, #4) by Mildred D. Taylor
Amos Fortune, Free Man by Elizabeth Yates	The Last Battle (Chronicles of Narnia, #7) by C.S. Lewis
The Book of Three (The Chronicles of Prydain, #1) by Lloyd Alexander	The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (Oz, #1) by L. Frank Baum	Big Red (Big Red, #1) by Jim Kjelgaard
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury	The Last Tales of Uncle Remus by Julius Lester
Miracles on Maple Hill by Virginia Sorensen	The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
The Cay (The Cay, #1) by Theodore Taylor	Bound for Oregon by Jean Van Leeuwen
Rip Van Winkle by Washington Irving	A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving	Understood Betsy by Dorothy Canfield Fisher
Joni: An Unforgettable Story by Joni Eareckson Taa	Marlfox (Redwall, #11) by Brian Jacques
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain	White Fang by Jack London
Hitty, Her First Hundred Years by Rachel Field	Christy by Catherine Marshall
Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman by Dorothy Sterling	My Friend Flicka (Flicka, #1) by Mary O'Hara
The Story of the Trapp Family Singers by Maria Augusta von Trapp	By Right of Conquest by G.A. Henty
Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift's "Chocolate Pilot" by Michael O. Tunnell	In the Reign of Terror: The Adventures of a Westminster Boy by G.A. Henty
Around the World in Eighty Days (Extraordinary Voyages, #11) by Jules Verne	The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain	Kidnapped (David Balfour, #1) by Robert Louis Stevenson
Twenty and Ten by Claire Huchet Bishop	The Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain
The Scarlet Pimpernel by Emmuska Orczy	The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells