

Rising 6th-Grade Summer Reading

*“There is no such thing as a child who hates to read;
there are only children who have not found the right book.”*

– Frank Serafini

You are on your honor not to select books that you have previously read independently or studied in any class.

World Geography. Please select at least one of these books to enhance your geography studies in sixth grade.

- Anacaona: Golden Flower, Haiti, 1490* by Edwidge Danticat
- Elisabeth: The Princess Bride, Austria-Hungary, 1853* by Barry Denenberg
- The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis
- Catherine: The Great Journey, Russia, 1743* by Kristiana Gregory
- Eleanor: Crown Jewel of Aquitaine, France, 1136* by Kristiana Gregory
- Söndök: Princess of the Moon and Stars, Korea, 595 A.D.* by Sheri Holman
- Wanting Mor* by Rukhsana Khan
- Lady of Palenque: Flower of Bacal, Mesoamerica, A.D. 749* by Anna Kirwan
- Jahanara: Princess of Princesses, India, 1627* by Kathryn Lasky
- Kazunomiya: Prisoner of Heaven, Japan, 1858* by Kathryn Lasky
- Mary, Queen of Scots: Queen Without a Country, France, 1553* by Kathryn Lasky
- Nzingha: Warrior Queen of Matamba, Angola, Africa, 1595* by Patricia McKissack
- Anastasia: The Last Grand Duchess, Russia, 1914* by Carolyn Meyer
- Kristina: The Girl King, Sweden, 1638* by Carolyn Meyer
- When Stars Are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed
- Weetamoo: Heart of the Pocasset, Massachusetts-Rhode Island, 1653* by Patricia Clark Smith
- Kaiulani: The People's Princess, Hawaii, 1889* by Ellen Emerson White
- Lady of Ch'iao Kuo: Warrior of the South, Southern China, 531 A.D.* by Laurence Yep

Battle of the Books. Please read at least one of these books.

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| Christopher, John | <i>The White Mountains (Tripods Series #1)</i> |
| Christopher, Matt | <i>Ice Magic</i> |
| Edwards, Roberta | <i>Who Was Neil Armstrong?</i> |
| George, Jean Craighead | <i>My Side of the Mountain</i> |
| Grabenstein, Chris | <i>Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library</i> |
| Hale, Shannon | <i>The Princess Academy</i> |
| Jones, Kelly | <i>Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer</i> |
| Korman, Gordon | <i>Masterminds</i> |
| Levine, Gail Carson | <i>Ella Enchanted</i> |
| Lowry, Lois | <i>Number the Stars</i> |
| Magras, Diane | <i>The Mad Wolf's Daughter</i> |
| Mull, Brandon | <i>Candy Shop War</i> |
| Palacio, R.J. | <i>Wonder</i> |
| Paulsen, Gary | <i>Hatchet</i> |
| Roberts, Willo Davis | <i>Scared Stiff</i> |
| Ryan, Pam Munoz | <i>Esperanza Rising</i> |
| Sachar, Louis | <i>Holes</i> |
| Vernick, Audrey | <i>Brothers at Bat: . . . Amazing All-Brother Baseball Team</i> |
| Wiles, Deborah | <i>Love, Ruby Lavender</i> |

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Winthrop, Elizabeth

The Castle in the Attic

Free Choice! You may select any work of fiction or nonfiction of your own choice. If you're having trouble making a choice, here are some suggestions:

- Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Balliett
- The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill
- The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne
- The Dark is Rising* by Susan Cooper
- Summerlost* by Ally Condie
- New Kid* by Jerry Craft
- Kid Fit for Fun* by Erin Crain
- Walk Two Moons* or *Ruby Holler* by Sharon Creech
- Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- What's the Point of Math?* by DK (Dorling Kindersley Publishing)
- City of Ember: the First Book of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau
- Enchanted Air* by Margarita Engle
- Fortunately, the Milk* by Neil Gaiman
- The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise* by Dan Gemeinhart
- On the Far Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George
- Pictures of Hollis Woods* by Patricia Giff
- One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance* by Nikki Grimes
- The Shadow Children* or *Found* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- Ida B . . . and Her Plans to Maximize Fun . . .* by Katherine Hannigan
- Scary Stories for Young Foxes* by Christian McKay Heidicker
- Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* by Carlos Hernandez
- Our Only May Amelia* by Jennifer Holm
- My Faith* by Kurt Johnston
- Amina's Voice* by Hena Kahn
- Regarding the Fountain: A Tale, in Letters . . .* by Kate Klise
- Worth* by A. LaFay
- Savvy* by Ingrid Law
- Rules* by Cynthia Lord
- Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* by Kwame Mbalia
- Snow Treasure* by Marie McSwigan
- War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo
- The False Prince* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park
- Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson
- Middle School, The Worst Years of My Life* by James Patterson
- Summer of the Monkeys* by Wilson Rawls
- Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
- Lost in the River of Grass* by Ginny Rorby
- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling
- Night of the Twisters* by Ivy Ruckman
- The Dreamer* by Pam Muñoz Ryan
- Counting by 7s* by Holly Sloan
- Elephant Run* by Roland Smith
- The Egypt Game* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder
- The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare

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- When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead
- Who Was Walt Disney* by Whitney Stewart
- Clean Getaway* by Nic Stone
- Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson
- Surviving the Applewhites* by Stephanie S. Tolan
- Astrophysics for Young People in a Hurry* by Neil deGrasse Tyson
- Creative Coding in Python: 30+ Programming Projects in Art, Games, and More* by Sheena Vaidyanathan
- The Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Draanen
- Harbor Me* by Jacqueline Woodson
- Dealing With Dragons: The Enchanted Forest . . .* by Patricia Wrede