

## 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.**

**Please read at least two of these books for the Battle of the Books.**

-Avi	<i>The Secret School</i>
-Dusti Bowling	<i>Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus</i>
-Kate DiCamillo	<i>The Tale of Despereaux</i>
-Jessica Day George	<i>Tuesdays at the Castle</i>
-Margaret Haddix	<i>Running Out of Time</i>
-Victoria Jamieson	<i>Roller Girl</i>
-Gordon Korman	<i>Slacker</i>
-C.S. Lewis	<i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i>
-Gill Lewis	<i>Wild Wings</i>
-Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	<i>Shiloh</i>
-Linda Sue Park	<i>The Kite Fighters</i>
-James Riley	<i>Half Upon a Time (Book #1)</i>
-Geoff Rodkey	<i>We’re Not from Here</i>
-Louis Sachar	<i>Sideways Stories from Wayside School</i>
-Sherry Shahan	<i>Frozen Stiff</i>
-Christina Soontornvat	<i>The Last Mapmaker</i>
-Trenton Stewart	<i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i>
-Linda Urban	<i>A Crooked Kind of Perfect</i>
-Padma Vinkatraman	<i>Bridge Home</i>
-Henry Cole	<i>A Nest for Celeste: a Story about Art Inspiration and the Meaning of Home</i>

**Please read at least one of these books for English class.**

-Don Nardo	<i>The Monsters and Creatures of Greek Mythology</i>
-Dona Nardo	<i>The Heroes and Mortals of Greek Mythology</i>
-Cynthia Ryland	<i>The Beautiful Stories of Life: Six Greek Myths, Retold</i>
-Lucy Coats	<i>Beasts of Olympus: Beast Keeper (Book #1)</i>
-Robert Graves	<i>Greek Gods and Heroes</i>
-Kathleen Krull	<i>The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth</i>
-Nicola Campbell	<i>Shi-shi-etko</i>
-Joseph Bruchac	<i>Jim Thorpe: Original All-American</i>
-Marlene Carvell	<i>Sweetgrass Basket</i>
-Eric L. Gansworth	<i>If I Ever Get Out of Here</i>
-Don Brown	<i>Rocket to the Moon!: Big Ideas That Changed the World #1</i>
-Jim Ottaviani	<i>T-Minus: The Race to the Moon</i>
-Tanya Lee Stone	<i>Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream</i>
-Heather E. Schwartz	<i>Astronaut Ellen Ochoa</i>
-Neil deGrasse Tyson	<i>Astrophysics for Young People in a Hurry</i>
-Suzanne Slade	<i>Countdown: 2979 Days to the Moon</i>

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- Sylvia Acevedo *Path to the Stars: My Journey from Girl Scout to Rocket Scientist*
- Donna Jo Napoli *Treasury of Greek Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Heroes, & Monsters*
- Sy Montgomery *Temple Grandin: How the Girl Who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World*
- Joan DiCicco *The Unstoppable Garrett Morgan: Inventor, Entrepreneur, Hero*