

June 2022

Incoming 6th Graders and Families,

Summer is a great time for reading! Students will enjoy the independence as well as maintain the progress they have made this year! Many students return in the fall better readers because they have practiced and refined their skills. One key to your child's reading success is making the summer reading experience entertaining, relaxing, and enjoyable. Your child can read independently or you can read together. Any opportunity to read the story and talk about it will enhance comprehension and expand vocabulary.

Because of this, there are a variety of project choices that students can choose from to show their thinking about one of the books they read during the summer. There is also a reading log to record the books your child reads over the summer. Any student who completes the summer reading log or a project (see suggestions below) will receive a PRIDE ticket during the first week of school.

I look forward to hearing about the books your child has read as we begin 6th grade together in September!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Maynard
6th Grade ELA Teacher

Recommended Books for Summer 2022

Below you will find a list of some of the 6th grade reading teachers' favorite book recommendations for 6th graders and a list of recommended books by reading level.

Mrs. Maynard's Recommendations: Wonder - R.J. Palacio Save Me a Seat - Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan Stargazing - Jen Wang The Mighty Miss Malone - Christopher Paul Curtis	Mr. Donahue's Recommendations: Hatchet - Gary Paulsen Kira-Kira - Cynthia Kadohata A Long Way from Chicago - Richard Peck Holes - Louis Sachar
Mr. Holowka's Recommendations: Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH - Robert C. O'Brien Johnny Tremain - Esther Hoskins Forbes	Mrs. McMahon's Recommendations: The Giver - Lois Lowry Freak the Mighty - Rodman Philbrick
Mrs. Palumbo's Recommendations: The One and Only Ivan - Katherine Applegate Refugee - Alan Gratz El Deafo - Cece Bell	Mrs. Happ's Recommendations: Journey to Nowhere - Mary Jane Auch Frozen Summer - Mary Jane Auch

Level K

- Frog and Toad Are Friends - Arnold Lobel
- The Berenstain Bears New Pup - Stan and Jan Berenstain
- Amelia Bedelia Gets a Break - Herman Parrish

Level L

- Wemberly Worried - Kevin Henkes
- Frogs - Elizabeth Carney
- Cam Jansen Series - David A. Adler

Level M

- Ivy & Bean #1 - Annie Barrows
- Magic Treehouse: Dinosaurs Before Dark - Mary Pope Osborne
- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs - Judi Barrett

Level N

- The Puppy Place: Goldie - Ellen Miles
- A to Z Mysteries: The Missing Mummy - Ron Roy
- The Real Slam Dunk - Charisse K. Richardson

Level O

- Henry Huggins - Judy Blume
- Sideways Stories from Wayside School - Louis Sachar
- Shark Lady True Adventures - Ann McGovern

Level P

- Fantastic Mr. Fox - Roald Dahl
- Mr. Popper's Penguins - Florence & Richard Atwater
- Who Was Charles Darwin? - Deborah Hopkinson

Level Q

- El Deafo - Cece Bell
- The Homework Machine - Dan Gutman
- I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic - Lauren Tarshis

Level R

- Hatchet - Gary Paulsen
- Rules - Cynthia Lord
- Who Was Helen Keller? - Gare Thompson

Level S

- Restart - Gordon Korman
- Magic Treehouse: Space - Mary Pope Osborne
- Smile - Raina Telgemeier

Level T

- One Crazy Summer - Rita Williams-Garcia
- Matilda - Roald Dahl
- Woodsong - Gary Paulsen

Level U

- Wonder - R.J. Palacio
- The City of Ember - Jeanne DuPrau
- Knots in My Yo-Yo String: The Autobiography of a Kid - Jerry Spinelli

Level V

- Holes - Louis Sachar
- The Westing Game - Ellen Raskin
- Soupy Leaves Home - Cecil Castellucci

Level W

- A Wrinkle in Time - Madeleine L'Engle
- Among the Hidden - Margaret Peterson Haddix
- Al Capone Does My Shirts - Gennifer Choldenko
- Prisoner B-3087 - Alan Gatz

Level X

- The Graveyard Book - Neil Gaiman
- The Wednesday Wars - Gary D. Schmidt
- The Thing About Jellyfish - Ali Benjamin

Level Y

- White Bird - R.J. Palacio
- Refugee - Alan Gatz
- Ghost - Jason Reynolds

Project Ideas

Below are suggested projects you can complete after reading a book this summer. Please choose ONE of the following options. You will earn a PRIDE ticket for completion.

~ Design an ABC Book: Create a drawing for each letter of the alphabet representing the characters, setting, events, problem, solution, etc. Books can be made from any material.

~ Compose an original song (lyrics and music) that tells the story of the book.

~ Generate and compile five (5) original pieces of poetry about the theme or lessons the story teaches.

~ Create a diorama that shows an important part of the book. Include a description of your diorama and explain why this part of the book is important.

~ Make several sketches of some of the scenes in the book. Sketches can be done in pen/ink, pencil, or colored pencil. Label each sketch with a brief description of the scene and be sure to represent the beginning, middle, and end of the book.

~ Craft a Paper Bag Book Report: Use a brown grocery or lunch bag.

- Front of the bag: Write the title, author, illustrator, and your name. Design a new cover for the book on this side of the bag.

- Back of the bag: Write a few sentences about each main character. Make a sketch of your characters.

- Side of the bag: Write a paragraph about the setting of the book. Where and when does the story take place?

- Other side of the bag: Write about the conflict or problem the main character faces. Also, tell about the solution and how the character resolved the problem. Draw a scene from the book representing this conflict.

- Inside of the bag: Place 5 items that represent scenes or characters from the story. Include an index card for each item that explains why you selected it and how it relates to the book.

~ Create a newspaper for the book. Summarize the plot in one article, cover the weather in another, and do a feature story on one of the more interesting characters. Include an editorial and a collection of ads that would be related to the story.

