

SIXTH GRADE

Suggested Summer Reading

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Fiction

Fever, 1793

Laurie Halse Anderson

In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas: A Fable

John Boyne

Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence. (available as eBook and audiobook)

Al Capone Does My Shirts

Gennifer Choldenko

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister. (available as audiobook)

Bud, Not Buddy

Christopher Paul Curtis

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father-the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids. (available as eBook and audiobook)

Dead End in Norvelt

Jack Gantos

In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl Scout cookies, underage driving, lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses. (available as eBook and audiobook)

Among the Hidden (Book One of the Shadow Children series)

Margaret Peterson Haddix

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

Princess Academy

Shannon Hale

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While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from her mountain village, fourteen-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland. (available as eBook and audiobook)

Schooled

Gordon Korman

After his hippie grandmother ends up in the hospital, Cap Anderson is forced to leave the commune where he is homeschooled and attend Calverage Middle School, where his odd looks and behavior make him the target of bullies. (available as audiobook)

Savvy

Ingrid Law

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her “savvy” –a magical power unique to each member of her family – just as her father is injured in a terrible accident. (available as eBook and audiobook)

The Giver

Lois Lowry

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives. (available as eBook and audiobook)

The False Prince

Jennifer Nielsen

In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to impersonate the king's long-missing son so a civil war can be avoided. (available as eBook and audiobook)

A Single Shard

Linda Sue Park

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself. (available as eBook and audiobook)

Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life

James Patterson

When Rafe Kane enters middle school, he teams up with his best friend, “Leo the Silent,” to create a game to make school more fun by trying to break every rule in the school's code of conduct. (available as eBook and audiobook)

The Lost Hero (Book One of The Heroes of Olympus series)

Rick Riordan

Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students from a school for “bad kids”, find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hero who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself. (available as eBook and audiobook)

Esperanza Rising

Pam Munoz Ryan

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression. (available as eBook and audiobook)

Stargirl

Jerry Spinelli

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In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever. (available as eBook and audiobook)

Graphic Novels

Mouse Guard: Legends of the Guard

Jeremy Bastian

A collection of stories about the brave, fabled Mouse Guard are told by the patrons in the June Alley Inn, whose proprietor has offered a prize to whoever can tell the greatest tale.

Artemis Fowl: The Graphic Novel

Eoin Colfer

In graphic novel format, a twelve-year-old genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, causing the fairies to fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

Non- Fiction

Call of the Klondike: A True Gold Rush Adventure

David Meissner and Kim

Richardson

Traces the true story of prospectors Stanley Pearce and Marshall Bond, who joined thousands of men along the dangerous Chilkoot and White Passes to seek their fortunes in the gold fields of Canada.

Lincoln's Grave Robbers

Steve Sheinkin

Describes how a counterfeiting ring plotted to ransom Lincoln's body to secure the release of their imprisoned ringleader and how a fledgling Secret Service and an undercover agent conducted a daring election-night sting operation. (available as eBook)

Diary of Ma Yan

Yan Ma

Thrust into the hands of a foreign journalist by her illiterate mother, Ma Yan's diary describes her struggles to attend school in a drought-stricken corner of rural China--a place where education is the only hope for overcoming a life of crushing poverty.