

Southwest Middle School

6th grade Summer Reading List

2016 - 2017

Getting Started: During the summer, you should read any book from your grade level's novel list. **Honors students should read a second novel from the list. One of the novels used for the honors assignment should be nonfiction.

What should I do next?: After reading, you should compose a "friendly" letter recommending the novel you chose to read to a friend. If you need help, visit http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/letter_generator.

***Honors students should create an alternative book cover with appropriate use of color and information for their second novel.**

What should I include in my letter, and how will I be graded?:

Here is a list of things you should remember as you write your letter.

- The introduction of a letter states the writer's purpose for writing. The letter ends with a closing statement.
- The body of a friendly letter is appropriate for the writer's purpose. A friendly letter is conversational in tone. Anecdotes, descriptions, and details make it interesting to read.
- The heading, salutation, and closing are correctly placed.
- The conventions of writing are followed (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, paragraphs, spelling.)

The following rubric will be used to grade your letter:

4	Proficient	All 4 criteria (listed above) are evident to a high degree.
3	Capable	All 4 criteria are evident. A few errors in format and/or conventions appear.
2	Satisfactory	The letter fulfills the writer's purpose. Several errors in format and/or conventions appear.
1	Beginning	The letter attempts to fulfill the writer's purpose, but ideas are not adequately developed. There are many errors in format and/or the conventions of writing.

I did it! That wasn't too bad. Now what?: Please give your letter (and book cover, if applicable) to your language arts teacher by Friday, September 23, 2016. You will receive separate grades for the letter and book cover which will be averaged with your other first quarter grades in your language arts class.

6th Grade Recommended Reading Titles (Lexile levels included)

Almost Home (590L)	family/ realistic fiction	Joan Bauer
Amelia Lost (930L)	biography	Candace Fleming
Artemis Fowl (600L)	adventure	Eoin Colfer
Brown Girl Dreaming (990L)	nonfiction	Jacqueline Woodson
The Case That Time Forgot (700L)	mystery	Tracy Barrett
Cinder (790L)	fantasy/ science fiction	Marissa Meyer
Freedom Walkers (1110L)	nonfiction	Russell Freedman
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (880L)	fantasy	J.K. Rowling
Jump Into the Sky (940L)	historical fiction	Shelley Pearsall
The Lightning Thief (740L)	fiction/ mythology	Rick Riordan
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (890L)	fiction/ ghost stories	Ransom Riggs
Mockingbird (630L)	fiction	Katherine Erskine
Sarah's Ground (690L)	historical fiction	Ann Rinaldi
Stones in Water (630L)	historical fiction	Donna Jo Napoli
Winger (690L)	fiction	Jerry Spinelli

*If a child is not in an Honors class and chooses to complete the additional Honors assignment, they will receive an extra credit grade for their work.