

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to sixth grade reading! I hope that you will find this summer reading assignment both pleasant and enlightening. I feel that I have chosen books of high quality, and books varied enough to please every taste.

I hope that you will read everyday and love the books that I have chosen! Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,
Kerri Pennington

Rising 6th Grade Summer Reading List

You must read a total of two books from the list below. You will then write a 1 page paper for each book read. Your papers may be handwritten or typed. Each paper should consist of three paragraphs. The first paragraph should include general information concerning the book (genre, interesting fact, etc.). The second paragraph should include a brief description of the plot, the setting and the main characters. This should be a summary of what was read. The third paragraph should be your personal recommendation/review of the book. Use specific examples and details from the book to support your recommendation. I will collect your two papers on the first day of school. Good luck, and happy reading!

THE GIRLS

Amy Goldman Koss

Each of the girls in a middle-school clique reveals the strong manipulative hold the popular Candace exerts on the others, leaving hurt and self-doubt in her wake. Fiction

BOY

Roald Dahl

The hilarious misadventures of the author during his years in an English public school.

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

Avi

A 9th grader's suspension for singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story. Fiction

WALK TWO MOONS

Sharon Creech

Sal, who is part Indian, heads West to find the mother who left her, and to seek her cultural identity. Fiction

JOURNEY

Patricia MacLachlan

Journey is 11 the summer his mother leaves his and his sister Cat with their grandparents. Journey finds that the camera is a means of finding things that his naked eye has missed, things like the love that still binds his family together even though his mother has left. Fiction

MISSING MAY

Cynthia Rylant

An eccentric cast of characters provide the focal point for this moving story, which grapples with the most important questions of all: Why do people die, and how do the survivors go on? Fiction

LYDDIE

Set in the 1840's Lyddie Worthen has to grow up fast when her mother is forced to abandon the family farm. After she finds a job in a textile mill, Lyddie faces a grim new world of poverty and eighteen hour workdays. A true heroine, Lyddie fights against injustice as she struggles to earn enough to buy back the family farm.

THE LITTLE PRINCE

Antoine Saint-Exupery

An airplane pilot, forced to land in the desert, learns about life on other planets from a little prince. Classic

THE WAR OF THE WORLDS

H.G. Wells

The Martians are landing on Earth! They've already destroyed London. Who or what else can stop them from taking over the whole world? Science Fiction

A CHARMED LIFE

Diana Wynne Jones

Magic is an everyday affair in the charmed world of the story. It bubbles with invention and surprises. You'll meet Cat and Gwendolen and Chrestomanci-and you'll never know who may turn out to be a witch or an enchanter! Fantasy

JACOB'S RESCUE: A HOLOCAUST STORY

Malka Drucker

In answer to his daughter's questions, a man recalls the terrifying years of his childhood when a brave Polish couple hid him and other Jewish children from the Nazis. Based on a true story. Historical Fiction

STEPPING ON THE CRACKS

Mary Downing Hahn

In 1944, while her brother is overseas fighting in WWII, Margaret discovers that the school bully Gordy is hiding his own brother, an army deserter, in the woods. Historical Fiction

THE WITCH OF BLACKBIRD POND

Elizabeth Speare

Kit, an orphan from Barbados, comes to live with her relatives in the Colony of Connecticut. When she befriends an old woman accused of witchcraft, Kit gets drawn into the great witch hunt. Historical Fiction

CAROLINA CROW GIRL

Valerie Hobbs

Eleven-year-old Carolina is content living in an old school bus with her mother and her baby sister. But when she finds an abandoned crow and resolves to raise it, everything about her old life comes into question. Fiction

ME, MOP AND MOONDANCE KID

Walter Dean Myers

Three orphans work together to have a winning baseball team-and to be adopted.

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Date

Title of Your Book

Author's Name

Paragraph 1: Introduction to the novel (give author's name, title and brief introduction to the characters and setting)

Paragraph 2: Summary of the novel (summarize the events of the plot)

Paragraph 3: Your recommendation (Did you like the book or not? Explain why)