

2007
6th Grade
S. T. R. E. T. C. H.
Summer Reading for Incoming 6th Graders

Because of Winn-Dixie – Dicomillo, Kate (**Realistic Fiction**)

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni decides her first summer in a new town is wonderful because of her new dog, Winn-Dixie.

The BFG - Dahl, Roald (**Fantasy**)

A giant finds a little girl to be a friend. She thinks he is a mean giant, but throughout the story he proves himself to be otherwise

The Black Stallion -- Farley, Walter (**Classic**)

Pulled to a desert island by a wild black stallion he has freed during a shipwreck at sea, then rescued by a southbound freighter, a 17 year-old boy befriends the horse, trains him by night.

Blue Heron – Avi (**Fantasy**)

Maggie Lavchek, a great believer in magic, makes a wish that nothing will ever change. Featuring the mysterious bird, a puzzling friend, and a secret hiding place, it shows the triumph of a young girl growing up.

The Borrowers - Norton, Mary (**Fantasy**)

Small people borrow things from owners of the house they live in.

Bud, Not Buddy - Curtis, Christopher Paul (**Historical Fiction**)

Bud, a ten-year-old motherless boy in the Great Depression searches for his father.

Crash - Spinelli, Jerry (**Realistic Fiction**)

Crash Coogan, seventh-grade football sensation, and his best buddy love pulling pranks. But one day Mike takes a prank too far, and Crash has to decide what side he is on.

Dragon's Gate - Yep, Laurence (**Historical Fiction**)

A young boy leaves China to join his father and uncle who work on the transcontinental railroad in America.

Dragonwings - Yep, Laurence (**Historical Fiction**)

Chinatown, San Francisco is scary and fascinating for the new arrival from China.

Finding Buck McHenry - Slote, Alfred (**Realistic Fiction**)

Little League's newest expansion team has a new coach, school custodian, Mack Henery. This new coach isn't just the custodian; he is the great Buck McHenry who pitched in the old Negro League.

The Fledgling - Lanton, Jane (**Realistic Fiction**)

Georgie wants to fly. Mysteriously, a Canada goose helps her achieve her wish. But someone wants to stop her adventure.

Freak the Mighty – Philbrick, Rodman (**Realistic Fiction**)

Two boys, a slow learner too large for his age, and a tiny, crippled genius pair up to create one formidable human force known as “Freak the Mighty.”

From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler - Konigsburg, E.L. (**Mystery**)

Two children run away from home and get locked in a museum overnight. During that night they experience strange events.

A Gathering of Days - Blos, Joan (**Historical Fiction**)

The journal of a girl who endures many hardships and emotional problems during the 1830's.

Gib Rides Home - Synder, Zilpha Keatley (**Historical Fiction**)

Gib and the Grey Ghost (sequel)- Synder, Zilpha Keatley

Gib, an orphan has a special relationship with horses even though he must endure harsh treatment in an orphanage.

Good-Bye, Mr. Chips – Hilton, James (**Historical Fiction**)

Story of a professor in a boy's school in England who teaches for over fifty years.

Graduation of Jake Moon – Park, Barbara (**Realistic Fiction**)

Fourteen-year-old Jake remembers how his beloved grandfather lived his last years with Alzheimer's disease.

Harriet The Spy - Fitzhugh, Louise (**Mystery**)

A good book about a young spy whose friends get mad at her for spying on them.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Rowling, J.K. (**Fantasy**)

The last in the series, the one we have all been waiting for. See what happens to Harry.

Holes- Sachar, Louis (**Adventure**)

Stanley is sent to a correctional camp in Texas desert where he finds his first real friend.

The House of Dies Drear - Hamilton, Virginia (**Mystery**)

A history professor and his son investigate the mystery of their rented house, formerly a station on the Underground Railroad.

The In-Between Days - Bunting, Eve (**Realistic Fiction**)

During the long winter days living on an island, a boy tries to keep his family together but instead, hurts them.

Incident at Hawk's Hill - Eckert, Allan (**Adventure**)

At age six, Ben McDonald wanders away from home. After searching the prairie for days, his family loses hope. But Ben is alive. Found and adopted by a female badger, he survives the summer. Based on a true story.

The Indian in the Cupboard - Banks, Lynne (**Fantasy**)

A book about a boy who receives a magical cupboard for his birthday. He puts a plastic Indian in the cupboard and it comes to life.

Journey - MacLachlan, Patricia (**Realistic Fiction**)

Journey is an eleven year old boy who needs to understand how much love is in his family.

Long Way from Chicago

A Year Down Yonder by Peck, Richard (**Historical Fiction**)

A larger than life grandmother in the depression Midwest amazes and terrifies her grandchildren.

Mtilda - Dahl, Roald (**Fantasy**)

A girl grows up to have magical powers. As she gets older she learns to control them for good and evil.

My Name is Not Angelica - O'Dell, Scott (**Historical Fiction**)

A young slave girl risks her life to help a group of runaway slaves.

Nory Ryan's Song – Giff, Patricia Reilly (**Historical Fiction**)

When the potato famine in Ireland brings such misery, twelve-year-old Nory helps her family and neighbors survive.

The Railway Children - Nesbit, E. (**Realistic Fiction**)

Life was easy for three children Roberta, Peter, and Phillip until one day their father is called away. Now life is hard and the question still remains. Where is their father and will they ever see him again?

Rules – Lord, Cynthia (**Realistic Fiction**)

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

Shadow of a Bull - Wojciechowska, Maia (**Realistic Fiction**)

Although Manolo, an eleven year old boy, is expected to follow in his father's footsteps as a bullfighter, but he is not sure he wants to.

A Single Shard – Park, Linda Sue (**Historical Fiction**)

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potter's village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate ceramics.

Soldier's Heart: A Novel of the Civil War – Paulsen, Gary (**Historical Fiction**)

The story of Charley, a fifteen-year-old who experiences and horrors of war.

Sounder – Armstrong, William (**Historical Fiction**)

A young African-American boy learns the pain of humiliation and anger when his father is given an unjust jail sentence for stealing a ham from a white man.

Steal Away Home – Ruby, Lois (**Historical Fiction**)

In two parallel stories, a Quaker family in Kansas in the late 1850s operates a station on the Underground Railroad, while almost 150 years later, twelve-year-old Dana moves into the same house and find the skeleton of an African-American woman who helped the Quakers.

***The Summer of the Swans* - Byars, Betsy (Realistic Fiction)**

A teenage girl finds just how much she cares about her mentally challenged brother.

***A View from Saturday*- Konigsburg, E.L. (Realistic Fiction)**

Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teachers, a paraplegic, who selects them to represent their 6th grade class in an academic bowl competition.

***Walk Two Moons* - Creech, Sharon (Realistic Fiction)**

A thirteen-year-old girl is hoping to find her mother.

***The Watsons Go to Birmingham*- Curtis, Christopher Paul (Historical Fiction)**

Ten-year-old Kenny, youngest son of the “Weird Watsons” decide it is time to visit grandma in Birmingham, Alabama.

***Where the Red Fern Grows* – Rawls, Wilson (Classic)**

Billy’s beloved blue tick hound and her pups become award-winning dogs and capture a whily ghost coon.

***A Wind in the Door* - L’Engle, Madeline (Fantasy)**

A stimulating story of real and intergalactic fictional characters who show the importance of caring for one another.

***The Witches* – Dahl, Roald (Fantasy)**

A young boy and his Norwegian grandmother spoil a convention witches who want to rid the world of children.

***A Wrinkle In Time* - L’Engle, Madeleine (Fantasy)**

Meg and her brother have a fascinating adventure traveling through time and space to save their father.

Books in a Series

Abner and Me

Babe and Me

Honus and Me

Jackie and Me

Mickey and Me

Satch and Me

***Shoeless Joe and Me* – Gutman, Dan (Historical Fiction)**

Three books about travelling back in time to meet baseball great players

Artemis Fowl – Colfer, Eoin (**Fantasy**)

Artemis Fowl: An Artic Incident

Artemis Fowl: Eternity Code

Artemis Fowl: Lost Colony

Artemis Fowl: Opal Deception

Genius, criminal mastermind and millionaire—and only 12!

The Bad Beginning, etc A Series of Unfortunate Events (series)- (Fantasy)Snicket, Lemony

After the sudden death of their parents, the Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune .

The Book of Three, The Black Cauldron, The Castle of Llyr, Taran Wanderer , The High King- Alexander, L (**Fantasy**)

An adventure in an imaginary land. The author blends figures from Welsh mythology with the creations of his own imagination.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone- Rowling, J.K. (**Fantasy**)

In this first book of the series, an orphan who doesn't realize his special, magical powers is sent to a boarding school for adolescent wizards.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

Harry Potter and the Golden Goblet

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

Sammy Keyes series (Mystery)- Van Draaen, W.

Sammy Keyes, tomboy and sleuth, gets in and out of all kinds of interesting situations.

The White Mountains ,When the Tripod Came, City of Gold and Lead, The Pool of Fire – Christopher, John (**Science Fiction**)

Trilogy about teenage boys escaping the Tripods, who have invaded the earth.

The Wreckers– Lawrence, Iain (**Adventure**)

Shipwrecked after a vicious storm, fourteen-year-old John Spencer attempts to save his father and himself while also dealing with an evil secret about the English coastal town where they are stranded.

The Smugglers (sequel)

The Buccaneers(sequel)

Nonfiction

How Angel Peterson Got His Name: and Outrageous Tales about Extreme Sports – Paulsen, Gary

Gary Paulsen tells stories about his growing up in rural Minnesota and how he and his friends try all kinds of outrageous stunts, like being pulled by a car on skis.

Guts – Paulsen, Gary

True stories that the author tells relating to his experiences in the wilderness, which inspired his book, *Hatchet*.

Invincible Louisa - Meigs, Cornelia

Louisa May Alcott based *Little Women* in her own loving family, and Jo was the real life Louisa. Find out what really happened to Jo (Louisa) and her sisters.

Lincoln: A Photobiography - Freedman, Russell

The story of Abraham Lincoln told through a picture timetable of his life.

Mummies, Bones, & Body Parts – Wilcox, Charlotte

The author explains how mummies are formed, how scientists learn about peoples and their cultures of long ago, and some of the controversies surrounding the study of human remains.

Secrets of the Sphinx – Gilblin, James Cross

Answers to the questions about one of the most intriguing Egyptian symbols.

Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman - McKissack, Patricia & Fredrick

After being freed in 1827, Sojourner Truth stirred audiences around the country as a preacher, abolitionist, and an active for the rights of both blacks and women. This is her story.

Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson – Denenberg, Barry

The first African-American man to play in the white major leagues, Jackie Robinson had the courage to confront racism and fight for the rights of all black people, on and off the baseball diamond.

