

Summer 2010 Reading List – Grade 6

Sixth grades are required to read two books over the summer. *You should bring your novels to class on the first day of school in August.* We will be discussing them and completing assignments during the first several weeks of school.

Required Reading:

Among the Hidden by Margaret Haddix

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Choose any **one** of these novels:

Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

There are few things I love as well as the novels that my students have encouraged me to read. Many of them have quickly been added to my list of all-time favorite books. Here are some of the newest additions to my list of favorites.

Pushcart War by Jean Merrill

A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park

The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall

Crooked River by Shelley Pearsall

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Peter and the Star Catchers by Dave Barry

Peter and the Shadow Thieves by Dave Barry

Skellig by David Almond

Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff

Maximum Ride by James Patterson

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Mississippi Trial 1955 by Chris Crowe

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Plus...Any book by Gary Paulsen

In addition to the books listed above, please check out the award-winning books found on the following sites:

American Library Association (ALA) Notable Books

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/childrensnotable/notablebooklist/currentnotable.htm>

Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award

<http://www.rcyrba.org/>

Newberry Medal Winners

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/literaryawds/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newberymedal.htm#00s>

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Poetry...it does a mind good!

As part of your summer reading requirements, we'd like you to treat yourself to poetry. Make a commitment to read at least a poem a week or check out a whole book of poetry from your local library. Tag the ones that you like best and **bring in copies of at least TWO of your favorites during the first week of school.** Be sure the two you choose are from **different authors** so that we get a great mix of poetry. Your choices may end up in our "Poetry Explosion" competition that will be held in the fall.

Some of our favorite poets are:

Langston Hughes

William Carlos Williams

William Wordsworth

Robert Frost

Billy Collins

Ogden Nash

Get ready to share your favorite poems with us!

Mrs. Erickson, Mrs. Veltri, and Mr. Stanbury