

Summer Reading List 2009
For Upcoming Sixth Graders
STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO READ
FOUR BOOKS;

CATEGORY 1 - HISTORICAL

The Witch of Blackbird Pond – E. G. Speare
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle – Avi
Quest for a Maid - Frances M. Hendry
The Ruby in the Smoke - Philip Pullman (or any book in this trilogy)
Soldier's Heart – Gary Paulsen
Dear America -Scholastic - series
My Name Is America - Scholastic - series
Fever 1793 – Laurie Anderson
Crispin: The Cross of Lead - Avi
Shadows on the Sea – Joan H. Harlow
CATEGORY 2 - REALISTIC
Stormbreaker series– Anthony Horowitz
Hoot – Carl Hiaasen
Crash – Jerry Spinelli
Travel Team – Michael Lupica
Max the Mighty – Rodman Philbrick
Freak the Mighty – Rodman Philbrick
After the Dancing Days - M. L.Rostowski
Sparrow Hawk Red - Ben Mikaelson
P.S. Longer Letter Later – Paula Danziger
Hatchet - Gary Paulsen
Brian's Winter – Gary Paulsen
Harris and Me – Gary Paulsen
Summer Ball – Mike Lupica
The Big Field – Mike Lupica
Camp Confidential series – M. Morgan
The Invention of Hugo Cabret – B Selznick

CATEGORY 3

SCIENCE FICTION or FANTASY

Redwall - Brian Jacques
(or any book in this series)
Artemis Fowl – Eoin Colfer
(or any book in this series)
Eragon/Elder– Christopher Paolini
Bartimaeus Trilogy – Jonathan Stroud
The Last Book in the Universe -R. Philbrick
Silverwing – Kenneth Oppel
(or any book in this series)
The Lightning Thief – Rick Riordan
The Mysterious Benedict Society and
The Perilous Journey – Trenton Lee Stewart
The Penderwicks – Jeanne Birdsall
A Series of Unfortunate Events – L. Snicket
So You Want to Be a Wizard – Diane Duane
The Tale of Despereaux – Kate Dicamillo
CATEGORY 4 - CLASSIC
The Wind in the Willows – K. Graham
Old Yeller - Fred Gipson
Little Women - Louisa May Alcott
Black Beauty - Anna Sewell
Bambi - Felix Salten
My Friend Flicka - Mary O'Hara
Tarzan of the Apes – E. R. Burroughs
The Secret Garden - Frances H. Burnett
Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson

(After meeting this requirement, students are encouraged to read other books from the list or books of their own choice.)

CATEGORY 5 - NATURE or ANIMALS

Rascal - Sterling North
Winterdance - Gary Paulsen
Beardance - Will Hobbs
Gentle Ben – Walter Morley
Summer of the Monkeys - Wilson Rawls
Stranded - Ben Mikaelson
Rescue Josh McGuire - Ben Mikaelson
Savage Sam – F. Gipson (sequel to **Old Yeller**)
My Life in Dog Years – Gary Paulsen
River Thunder or Downriver – W. Hobbs

CATEGORY 6 - MULTICULTURAL

Sign of the Beaver - Elizabeth G. Speare
Dogsong - Gary Paulsen
The Bearstone - Will Hobbs
Black Star, Bright Dawn - Scott O'Dell
Words by Heart - Quida Sebestyen
Touching Spirit Bear – Ben Mikaelson
Countdown – Ben Mikaelson
Julie of the Wolves – Jean C. George

CATEGORY 7

BIOGRAPHY or AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Homesick: My Own Story - Jean Fritz
Going Solo - Roald Dahl
Boy - Roald Dahl
Soul Surfer – Bethany Hamilton
Training a Tiger – Earl Woods
She Said Yes – Misty Bernall
Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio – Peg Kehret
Orphan Train: One Boy's True Story – Andrea Warren

**Summer Reading List 2009
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Students are required to read at least four books from the following list. If a student has read any of these novels already, he/she needs to choose new novels to read.

STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE A QUIZ OR WRITE A REVIEW ON EACH OF THE FOUR BOOKS FOR THEIR LANGUAGE ARTS CLASS THE FIRST GRADING PERIOD.

Izzy, Willy, Nilly - Cynthia Voigt
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl - Anne Frank

Gifted Hands - Ben Carson, M.D.

The Maze - Will Hobbs

When Zachary Beaver Came to Town - K. Holt
Wringer - Jerry Spinelli

The Hobbit - (or another of the trilogy) J.R.R. Tolkien

The Pigman - Paul Zindel

Souder - William Howard Armstrong

The Outsiders - S.E. Hinton

A Solitary Blue - Cynthia Voigt

That Was Then, This Is Now - S.E. Hinton

Across Five Aprils - Irene Hunt

Jacob Have I Loved - Katherine Paterson

Watership Down - Richard Adams

The Time Machine - H. G. Wells

All Creatures Great and Small - James Herriot

My Side of the Mountain - Jean C. George

On the Far Side of the Mountain - J. C. George

Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind - S. F. Staples

The Endless Steppe - Ester Hautzig

A Day No Pigs Would Die - Robert N. Peck

Murder on the Orient Express - A. Christie

The Slave Dancer - Paula Fox

Summer of My German Soldier - Bette Greene

Treasure Island - Robert Louis Stevenson

The Prince and the Pauper - Mark Twain

The Pearl - John Steinbeck

The Bomb - by Theodore Taylor

The Giver - Lois Lowry

Gathering Blue - Lois Lowry

Walk Two Moons - Sharon Creech

Number the Stars - Lois Lowry

Chinese Cinderella - Adeline Yen Mah

Flush - Carl Hiaasen

**Summer Reading List 2009
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Students are required to read at least four books from the following list. If a student has read any of these novels already, he/she needs to choose new novels to read.

STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE QUIZZES AND/OR WRITE NOVEL REVIEWS ON THEIR CHOSEN NOVELS.

Heat - Mike Lupica

Cross Creek - Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

The Killer Angels - Michael Shaara

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn - Betty Smith

Little Men - Louisa May Alcott

The Good Earth - Pearl Buck

Christy - Catherine Marshall

The Old Man and the Sea - Ernest Hemingway

The Education of Little Tree - Forrest Carter

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer - Mark Twain

Swallowing Stones - Joyce McDonald

Warriors Don't Cry - Melba Beals

Cold Sassy Tree - Olive Ann Burns

When Legends Die - Hal Borland

The Westing Game - Ellen Raskin

One of the Tolkien trilogies - J.R.R. Tolkien (not *The Hobbit*)

Here Lies the Librarian - Richard Peck

Copper Sun - Sharon Draper

Dragonwings - Laurence Yep

The Moves Make the Man - Bruce Brooks

Return to Hawk's Hill - Allan Eckert

Whirligig - Paul Fleischmann

Ender's Game - Orson Scott Card

Blueprint - Charlotte Kerner

Turnabout - Margaret Peterson Haddix

Stargirl - Jerry Spinelli

Messenger - Lois Lowry

Changelings - A. McCaffrey and E.A. Scarbrough

Millicent's Gift - Ann Rinaldi

Dacey's Song - Cynthia Voigt

The Wanderer - Sharon Creech

Chasing Vermeer - Blue Balliet

A Corner of the Universe - Ann Matthews Martin

The Black Pearl - Scott O'Dell

Parallel Journeys - Eleanor Ayer

Tex - S.E. Hinton

The Crazy Horse Electric Game - Chris Crutcher

The Time Hackers - Gary Paulsen

Crystal - Walter Dean Myers

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