



St. John Eudess School

6th Grade Summer Reading and Core Novels 2017-2018

Reading is a lifelong habit that should be nurtured, even in summer. 6th grade students are required to read **one book of their choice**, with parental approval. The following suggestions and/or websites listed may be used to help guide your selection. **Students should come to class on the first day of school, August 21, 2017, with their book (hard copy or digital), prepared to discuss and celebrate their book at the Middle School Tea Party, date to be announced.**

New and Noteworthy Titles:

- *The Lincolns: A Scrapbook Look at Abraham and Mary* by Candace Fleming
- *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman
- *Rapunzel's Revenge* by Shannon Hale
- *Savvy* by Ingrid Law
- *What the World Eats* by Peter Menzel
- *We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball* by Kadir Nelson

Classics:

- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *The Secret Garden* by Frances Burnett
- *The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burnford
- *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes
- *Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery
- *Rascal* by Sterling North
- *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls
- *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewall
- *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor
- *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne
- *The War of the Worlds* by H.G. Wells

Realistic Fiction:

- *The Secret Language of Girls* by Frances O'Roark Dowell
- *Heat* by Mike Lupica
- *A Corner of the Universe* by Ann Martin
- *Hurt Go Happy* by Ginny Rorby
- *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Ryan
- *Small Steps* by Louis Sachar

Historical Fiction:

- *My Brother Sam is Dead* by James Lincoln Collier
- *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Water Street* by Patricia Reilly Giff
- *Witness* by Karen Hesse
- *A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park
- *Under the Blood Red Sun* by Graham Salisbury

Mystery and Adventure

- *Shakespeare's Secret* by Elise Broach
- *The Maze* by Will Hobbs
- *Boston Jane: An Adventure* by Jennifer L. Holm
- *Star of Kazan* by Eva Ibboston
- *Wolf Brother* by Michelle Paver
- *The Young Man and the Sea* by Rodman Philbrick

Fantasy:

- *The Lost Years of Merlin* by T.A. Barron
- *The Time Travelers* by Linda Buckley-Archer
- *King of Shadows* by Susan Cooper
- *Over Sea, Under Stone* by Susan Cooper
- *Lion Boy* by Zizou Corder
- *Inkspell* by Cornelia Funke
- *Howl's Moving Castle* by Diana Wynne Jones
- *Paint by Magic* by Kathryn Reiss
- *Time Windows* by Kathryn Reiss
- *Sword of the Rightful Kind: A Novel of King Arthur* by Jane Yolen

Science Fiction:

- *The White Mountains* by John Christopher
- *Things Not Seen* by Andrew Clements
- *City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau
- *Larklight* by Philip Reeve

Non-fiction:

- *Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World* by Jennifer Armstrong
- *Leonardo DaVinci* by Kathleen Krull
- *Chew on This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food* by Eric Schlosser
- *Escape from Saigon: How a Vietnam War Orphan Became an American Boy*

Recommended websites for finding quality texts for Young Readers:

Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth Suggested Reading offers a variety of genres and books for students to choose from: <http://cty.jhu.edu/talent/after/reading/grades5-6.html>

Barnes & Nobles offers a variety of age appropriate suggestions as well as a program where students may download a B&N Reading Journal and earn **FREE** books:
<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/index.asp>

Newbery Medal Winners has a variety of award winning reading recommendations:
<http://www.ala.org/alasc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newberymedal>

Scholastic has age appropriate reading selections by genre available at:
http://www.scholastic.com/kids/stacks/books/?Inkid=stacks/nav/b_and_a/main

Scholastic Summer Reading Program offers a program for students in which they can read, log their minutes and win prizes: <http://www.scholastic.com/summer/>

6th Grade Core Novels:

Core novels are used in each grade across the junior high as a part of Reading/Literature curriculum. The books listed below will be discussed as part of the 2016-2017 reading curriculum in 6th grade. Students will be **required** to have a copy of each of these books during the 2016-2017 school year (hard copy or digital is acceptable). It is recommended that you purchase or download the texts listed ahead of time to ensure that your child is prepared in Literature class.

Mystery:

- *When you Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead

Science Fiction:

- *Only You Can Save Mankind* - Terry Pratchett
- *A Wrinkle in Time* - Madeleine L'Engle

Autobiography:

- *The Lost Garden* – Laurence Yep

Fiction:

- *The Call of the Wild*—Jack London