

Rising 6th Grade Summer Reading: US Program

Reading Requirements

You are required to read **three books** this summer, although you are always encouraged to read more! Choose at least one book from the list on the following pages.

In addition, you must also read two other books of your choice. When choosing books on your own, try to choose a book that captivates your attention and is appropriately challenging. You may choose a book of any genre.

Required Reading Assignments

Assignment #1: One Pager

Create a one pager on the book that you select from the required reading list. You will find detailed directions in this packet

Assignment #2: Alternate Book Cover

For a book of your choice, create an alternate book cover, complete with an alternate title, symbolic original images, and intentional design. You may create your new book cover by hand or digitally, but your work must be original. If you're feeling stuck, look at some of your favorite books and notice what choices the author, illustrator, and publisher made to attract your attention. Write one paragraph explaining the choices you made. Your description must be detailed, thoughtful, and 6-8 sentences long.

***Assignment #3: Optional Challenge Assignment**

This year, we have designed an optional challenge assignment for each grade. This is not a required summer reading assignment; however, it is encouraged for those students who have excelled in English Language Arts this year. Any student can choose to complete the challenge assignment.

New Epilogue

Write a new final chapter for the book they have read. This new ending should provide a different conclusion to the story while staying true to the established characters, setting, and themes. ● Begin with a clear opening that transitions smoothly from the preceding chapter. ● Develop the plot logically, maintaining consistency with the rest of the book. ● Stay true to the characters' personalities and voices.

- Use descriptive language and dialogue to enhance the narrative.
- Conclude the chapter with a satisfying resolution that ties up loose ends
OR design a new cliffhanger that will compel readers to read an imaginary sequel.

All of your summer work is due during your first week back to school. Do not worry about turning in your assignment before school begins. Your teacher will give you

more information when you return. Good luck and read lots of books!

Title	Author	Summary	Genre	CSM Age Rating
<i>Hatchet</i>	Gary Paulsen	Brian is on his way to Canada to visit his estranged father when the pilot of his small prop plane suffers a heart attack. Brian is forced to crash-land the plane in a lake--and finds himself stranded in the remote Canadian wilderness with only his clothing and the hatchet his mother gave him as a present before his departure.	Adventure	Ages 11+
<i>Ghost</i>	Jason Reynolds	Running. That's all that Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But never for a track team. Nope, his game has always been ball. But when Ghost impulsively challenges an elite sprinter to a race—and wins—the Olympic medalist track coach sees he has something: crazy natural talent.	Realistic Fiction	Ages 10+
<i>Echo</i>	Pam Munos Ryan	Lost and alone in a forbidden forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and suddenly finds himself entwined in a puzzling quest involving a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica. Decades later, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California each, in turn, become interwoven when the very same harmonica lands in their lives. All the children face daunting challenges: rescuing a father, protecting a brother, holding a family together.	Historical Fiction / Fantasy	Ages 11+
<i>Inside Out and Back Again</i>	Thanhha Lai	At the age of 10, Hà has only known Saigon. But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. Hà and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed towards the United States, and towards a new life full of hope.	Poetry	Ages 10+
<i>Fever 1973</i>	Laurie Halse Anderson	Mattie Cook lives in Philadelphia in 1973. Her normal life is uprooted when disease sweeps the streets, destroying everything in its path and turning Mattie's world upside down. At her feverish mother's insistence, Mattie flees the city with her grandfather. But she soon discovers that the sickness is everywhere, and Mattie must learn quickly how to survive in a city turned frantic with disease.	Historical Fiction	Ages 10+

<i>When You Reach Me</i>	Rebecca Stead	Miranda is an ordinary sixth grader, until she starts receiving mysterious messages from somebody who knows all about her, including things that have not even happened yet. Each message brings her closer to believing that only she can prevent a tragic death. Until the final note makes her think she's too late.	Science Fiction	Ages 10+
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<i>Smile</i>	Raina Telgemeier	Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after Girl Scouts she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth, and what follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off again braces, surgery ,embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached.	Graphic Novel	Ages10+
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