

Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 6

This year students will be asked to read any two books from the following list:

1. *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

This is a survival adventure story about Brian, a young boy whose plane crash lands when the pilot dies of a heart attack leaving Brian alone in the Canadian wilderness. Before this tragedy, Brian's worst problem is that his parents are divorcing. He is thrown into a dangerous and lonely world where he must learn to take care of himself and to respect the wilderness if he is to survive. There are several sequels to this interesting story. (You only need to read this one, though)

2. *Masterpiece* by Elise Broach

Imagine a tiny beetle family that lives in the kitchen cupboard of a New York City apartment with James and his human family. When Marvin the beetle turns out to be an artistic genius, everyone thinks it's James with the talent. James finds himself posing as the artist, but when a precious piece of art is stolen, Marvin and James must try to get it back. The lives of the beetle family in their miniature world are delightful, as is the friendship that develops between boy and beetle, even though they cannot speak to one another.

3. *The Penderwick's: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits and a Very Interesting Boy* by Jeanne Birdsall

This is the story of a family of four motherless girls who get into mischief while on summer vacation in the Berkshires of Massachusetts. Maintaining the Penderwick family honor is at the heart of everything that the sisters do, yet they still manage to get into trouble while their loving, but distracted father spends his days studying plants and flowers.

4. *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin

Sixteen heirs of Sam Westing are brought together to live in a high rise apartment building and to solve the puzzle of his death. The winner will receive 200 million dollars! No one is quite who he or she appears to be! There are many twists and turns in this plot to keep you reading late into the night!

5. *Rules* by Cynthia Lord

Catherine is a 12 year-old girl who just wants to be normal. She tries desperately to control the sometimes confusing behavior of her 8 year-old brother, David, who has autism. When Catherine meets a young boy who can only communicate by pointing to pictures, she learns that "normal" has all kinds of definitions. This is a heartwarming story about friendship and acceptance. (A 2007 Newbery Honor book)

After reading the books, students should complete one "Book Summary" paper for each book. The papers are due on Friday, September 8, 2023 and will count as the first two grades for Reading in the first term.

Tips to Make Your Summer Reading More Enjoyable.

1. Don't wait. Start reading now. Plan to finish one book by the end of July and the second by the end of August.

2. Write your "Book Talk" as soon as you finish the book. Then, put it in a safe place until school starts.

3. Read one or two chapters per day, depending on the length of the chapters and the length of the book. Your goal should be to finish the book in 2 – 3 weeks. A little bit every day is easier to manage than trying to finish the whole thing in a week.

4. It may help to jot down some notes on plot, characters and theme as you read or as soon as you finish that day's reading. This will make answering the book talk questions easier.

5. When you read, try to make it a pleasant experience. Grab a cool glass of lemonade. Read outside – on the deck/porch, under a tree, in a tree house, at the beach/lake, by the pool, out on the lawn.

Happy Reading!

Name _____

Summer Reading Book Talk

Title of Book _____

Author _____

1. Write a 3 to 4 sentence summary of the book.

2. List the main characters in the book and write a sentence about each.

3. What is the lesson the author is trying to teach the reader? (This is also called the theme.)

4. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

5. On a sheet of loose leaf paper (or typed on printer paper), write a paragraph of 4 – 6 sentences that tells what you think is the most important scene in the story and WHY.

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****Return this paper on the first day of school.**

Grade 6 Supply List

#2 pencils (3 packs)	Loose-leaf paper (1 pkg.)
red and/or green pens (2)	Pencil case
Ballpoint pens (one package of each, BLACK & BLUE)	One subject wired notebook (4, each a different color)
Colored pencils and markers	Composition notebook and folder (for Technology Class)
Index cards (two 500 packs)	3 boxes of tissues
Dry erase markers (3)	2 rolls of paper towels
Highlighters (5, any color)	Disinfectant wipes
Art box	2-3 book covers (XL size for 2 of them)
Glue sticks (3)	AN INDEPENDENT READING BOOK
Student scissors	

NOTE: White Out is not allowed in grade 6

An agenda book will be given out during the first week of school.

****7 pocket Expanding File Folder (see picture below)**

This is DIFFERENT from the folders that used to be used in grade 6. You should be able to find one for less than 10.00. It does not matter what color it is, or where you get it: Target, Wal-Mart, Staples, Amazon.



7-Pocket Expanding File

