

## Suggested Summer Reading for Incoming Sixth Graders

### Fiction

The following authors have written fiction books you may enjoy reading or having read aloud to you. Choose a book you are comfortable reading independently and enjoy! Books that you would like but are difficult for you to read yourself make great family read alouds.

Alcott, Louisa May – Little Women; & other titles.

Alexander, Lloyd – The Book of Three; & other “Prydian” novels; The Illyrian Adventure; & other “Vesper Holly” adventures; Time Cat; The Iron Ring; The Arkadians; & other titles.

Avi – Midnight Magic; Blue Heron; Perloo the Bold; True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle; & others.

Babbitt, Natalie – The Search for Delicious; Knee-Knock Rise; Tuck Everlasting.

Banks, Lynne Reid – The “Indian in the Cupboard” series; The Adventures of King Midas.

Bauer, Marion Dane – On My Honor.

Beatty, Patricia – Charley Skedaddle; Jayhawker; & other historical fiction.

Bellairs, John – The Curse of the Blue Figurine; & other mysteries.

Blume, Judy – It’s Not the End of the World; Deenie; Blubber; & other children’s titles.

Brink, Carol Ryrie – Caddie Woodlawn.

Burnett, Frances Hodgson – The Secret Garden; A Little Princess.

Byars, Betsy – The Summer of the Swans; The Cybil War; The Pinballs; & other titles.

Cleary, Beverly – Dear Mr. Henshaw; & its sequel Strider.

Collier, James Lincoln – My Brother Sam is Dead; & other historical fiction.

Cooper, Susan – The Boggart; & sequel; The Dark is Rising; & others in the series; King of Shadows.

Creech, Sharon – Walk Two Moons; Absolutely Normal Chaos; Ruby Holler; & others.

Cushman, Karen – The Ballad of Lucy Whipple.

Curtis, Christopher Paul – Bud, Not Buddy; The Watsons Go to Birmingham; Elijah of Buxton.

Danziger, Paula & Ann M. Martin – P.S. Longer Letter Later; Snail Mail No More.

Du Bois, William Pene – The Twenty-one Balloons.

Farmer, Nancy – The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm; A Girl Named Disaster; The House of the Scorpion; The Sea of Trolls; & others.

Field, Rachel – Hitty: Her First Hundred Years.

Fleischman, Paul – The Half-a-Moon Inn; The Boring Room; Saturnalia.

Fleischman, Sid – The 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, a Ghost Story; Jim Ugly; & others.

Fox, Paula – Monkey Island; One-eyed Cat; A Likely Place; The Slave Dancer.

Gaiman, Neil – The Graveyard Book.

Gantos, Jack – Heads or Tails: Stories from the Sixth Grade; Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key; & sequels.

George, Jean Craighead – My Side of the Mountain; & sequels; Julie of the Wolves; & others.

Gibson, Frederick Benjamin – Old Yeller.

Hahn, Mary Downing – The Doll in the Garden; Time for Andrew, a Ghost Story; & others.

Hamilton, Virginia – The House of Dies Drear; Plain City; Zeely; M.C. Higgins the Great; & other titles.

Henkes, Kevin – The Birthday Room; Sun & Spoon; Olive’s Ocean; & other titles.

Hesse, Karen – Out of the Dust; Brooklyn Bridge: a Novel; Stowaway; & other titles.

Hodges, Margaret – Merlin and the Making of the King.

Jacques, Brian – Redwall; & other titles in the series.

Juster, Norton – The Phantom Tollbooth.

Kadohata, Cynthia – Kira-Kira.

Keith, Harold – Rifles for Watie.  
Konigsburg, E. L. – Altogether One at a Time; The View from Saturday; Silent to the Bone; & other titles.  
Langston, Jane – The Fledgling.  
Law, Ingrid – Savvy.  
Lawson, Robert – Ben and Me; Mr. Revere and I.  
LeGuin, Ursula K. – A Wizard of Earthsea; & other titles in the series.  
L’Engle, Madeleine – Meet the Austins; A Wrinkle In Time; & others.  
Levine, Gail Carson – Ella Enchanted; The Wish; Dave at Night; Fairest; & other titles.  
Lewis, C. S. – The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe; & other “Narnia” titles.  
Lindgren, Astrid – Pippi Longstocking; & sequels; Ronia, the Robber’s Daughter.

Lisle, Janet – Afternoon of the Elves; Forest; The Great Dimple Oak.  
London, Jack – The Call of the Wild; White Fang.  
Lowry, Lois – Anastasia Krupnik; & sequels; The One Hundredth Thing about Caroline; & sequels; Stay! Keeper’s Story; Rabble Starkey; & other titles.  
McKinley, Robin – The Hero and the Crown; The Blue Sword; Beauty: a Retelling of the Story of Beauty and the Beast; Spindle’s End; & others.  
Montgomery, Lucy Maud – Anne of Green Gables; & others in the series.

Napoli, Donna Jo – The Prince of the Pond; Stones in Water; Crazy Jack; & others.  
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds – The Agony of Alice; & sequels; Shiloh; & sequels; The Fear Place; The “Besseldorf” mysteries.  
O’Dell, Scott – Island of the Blue Dolphins; Sing Down the Moon.  
Paterson, Katherine – Bridge to Terabithia; The Great Gilly Hopkins; Jacob Have I Loved; & other titles.  
Patron, Susan – The Higher Power of Lucky.  
Paulsen, Gary – Alida’s Song; Mr. Tucket; & sequels; Brian’s Hunt; & other titles.

Peck, Robert Newton – Soup; & other series titles; Fair Weather.  
Pullman, Phillip – Clockwork; The Firework-maker’s Daughter; I Was a Rat!; The Golden Compass series.  
Raskin, Ellen – The Westing Game; The Mysterious Disappearance of Leon.  
Rawls, Wilson – Where the Red Fern Grows; Summer of the Monkeys.  
Riordan, Rick – The Lightning Thief; & others.  
Rylant, Cynthia – Missing May; A Blue-eyed Daisy; A Fine White Dust.

Sachar, Louis – The “Wayside School” series; Holes; & other titles.  
Snyder, Zilpha Keatley – Cat Running; Libby on Wednesdays; & others.  
Speare, Elizabeth George – The Bronze Bow; The Sign of the Beaver; The Witch of Blackbird Pond.  
Spinelli, Jerry – Maniac Magee; Crash; Space Station Seventh Grade; Stargirl; Eggs; & other titles.  
Taylor, Mildred D. – The Friendship; The Song of the Trees; & other Logan family stories.  
Taylor, Theodore – Timothy of the Cay.

Tolkien, J. R. R. – The Hobbit; “The Lord of the Rings” trilogy.  
Travers, P. L. – The “Mary Poppins” books.  
Voigt, Cynthia – Homecoming; Dicey’s Song; Building Blocks; Bad Girls; & others.  
Winthrop, Elizabeth – The Castle in the Attic; The Battle for the Castle.  
Woodson, Jacqueline – Feathers.  
Yep, Laurence – Dragonwings; Thief of Hearts; & other titles.  
Yolen, Jane – Wizard’s Hall; The “Young Merlin” Trilogy; The “Tartan Magic” series; The Devil’s Arithmetic; The “Young Heroes” series such as Odysseus in the Serpent Maze; & other titles.

### **Other Kinds of Literature: Folklore, Poetry Biography, Non Fiction**

Do explore myths and legends and fairy tales both in collected volumes and in wonderfully illustrated picture books. The poetry section is rich in collected works of poetry on a theme or works by one poet. There are many interesting biographies, and excellent nonfiction is available on many topics too numerous to mention. Whatever you do, pick something you will enjoy and READ, READ, READ!