



Required 6th Grade Summer Reading

2 books

Swiss Family Robinson by Johann David Wyss

Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling

Hinds Feet on High Places by Hannah Hurnard

Each rising sixth grade student will be required to choose **one** of the above books to read. They should be ready to complete a writing assignment with their teacher upon return to school in August. The writing assignment which will be completed in class will be about the book they have chosen from the above list.

Each student should choose one additional book from the *Summer Reading List* attached. Please choose a book that has not been read in the past. Please return the reading log identifying the books that have been read.

It is important to give children dominion in the area of reading. This will contribute in important ways to their future success in, and enjoyment of the written word. In addition to having your child read books from the attached list, you may choose certain selections for family read-aloud. When reading to children, it is critical to keep the length appropriate. After reading a short passage, we suggest that you informally ask your child to tell back what he or she has heard, in order to improve comprehension, sequencing, synthesis, concentration, and enjoyment. You may also want to take a turn to narrate! Do not do this in a heavy-handed way, but rather with joy and enthusiasm, informally. Do not make it into a chore, or necessarily do it every time, or the child may come to not enjoy it. **There are obviously many more good books that are available. This list is only the beginning!** Your librarian can assist you if you tell the type of literature you desire. The terminology they will best understand is "classic literature." Remember that, with regard to all book suggestions, it is always *your* responsibility as the parent to assess a book's suitability for you and your family. We have included books which employ fantastical themes, due to the fact that we encourage children to enjoy the proper use of imagination. This is an important aspect of development, and one in which parents are urged to give their child guidance. That is, your child will be *looking to you* to help define the lines of fantasy verses reality and the proper guidelines therein. Some of these books may not be available in libraries, but it is always a good idea to request that they purchase them. There is a current trend in public libraries to purge many of the good, old classics. By requesting them, this is a way that we can change our culture for the good. If they are not in your local library, you may want to check used bookstores. Enjoy!

On the sheet enclosed, please keep track of the books your child reads and those that you have read to him or her this summer. You will give this record to your child's teacher at the beginning of school.



Summer Reading List for Rising Sixth Grade Students

Alcott, Louisa May
Andreola, Karen
Byars, Betsy
Burnford, Shelia
Bussell, Darcy
Clever,
De Jong, Meindert
Dodge, Mary Mapes
Enright, Elizabeth
Erickson, Paul
Field, Rachel
Fleming, Ian
Gallico, Paul
Gates, Doris
George, Jean Craighead
Gray, Elizabeth Jane
Hinman, Bonnie

Jacques, Brian
James, Will
Jester, Norton
Kelly, Eric P.
L'Engle Madeleine
Lenski, Lois
Lampton, Christopher
LasCasas, Bartholomew
Little, Jean
Lofting, Hugh
MacDonald, George
Marshall, Catherine
McPherson, Joyce
Mitton, Simon and Jacqueline
Montgomery, Lucy Maude
North, Sterling
Oz, Amos
Pinocchio
Rawls, Wilson
Robertson, Keith
Selden
Seredy, Kate

Jack and Jill
Beautiful Girlhood
The Summer of the Swans
The Incredible Journey
The Young Dancer
Where the Lilies Bloom
Wheel on the School
Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates
Thimble Summer
Daily life on a Southern Plantation
Hitty, Her First Hundred Years
Chitty, Chitty, Bang Bang
Snow Goose
Blue Willow
On the Far Side of the Mountain
Adam of the Road
Benjamin Banneker: American Mathematician and Astronomer, Colonial Leaders' Series
Redwall
Smoky the Cow Horse
Phantom Tollbooth
The Trumpeter of Krakow
Meet the Austins, A Wrinkle in Time
Indian Captive, Strawberry Girl
Werner Von Braun: A Biography
The Log of Christopher Columbus' First Voyage to America
From Anna, Listen to the Singing, Take Wing
The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle
Golden Key
Adventures in Prayer, Beyond Ourselves
A Piece of the Mountain The Biography of Blaise Paschal
The Flying Scotsman: A Biography about Eric Liddell
Anne of Green Gables, Anne of Avonlea
Rascal
Soumchi
Carlo Collodi
Summer of the Monkeys
Henry Reed Inc.
The Cricket in Time Square
The Good Master, The White Stag

Sidney, Margaret
Smith, Dodie
Stolz, Mary
Stonaker, Frances Benson
Swift, Jonathan
Terhune, Albert Payson
Tolkien, J.R.R.
Wells, H.G.
White, T.H.
Yolen, Jane

Five Little Peppers
101 Dalmations
Dog on Barkham Street
Famous Mathematicians
Gulliver's Travels
Lad: A Dog
The Hobbit
The Time Machine
The Sword and the Stone
The Dragon's Boy

The following selections are Living Books from the "My Name is America" series, and are written from a boy's perspective. They are in diary form about life in a particular period of history.

Journal of Augustus Pelletier: The Lewis and Clark Expedition by Kathryn Lasky
Journal of Biddy Owen: The Negro Leagues by Walter Dean Myers
Journal of James Edmund Reese: Civil War Union Soldier by Jim Murphy ***Journal of Jasper Jonathan Pierce: A Pilgrim Boy, Plimoth Plantation 1620*** by Ann Rinaldi
Journal of Scott Pendleton Collins: A WW II Soldier by Walter Dean Myers
Journal of William Thomas Emerson: A Revolutionary War Patriot by Barry Denenberg

The following selections are Living Books from the "Dear America" series, and are written from a girl's perspective. They are in diary form about life in a particular period of history.

Across the Wide and Lonesome Prairie by Kristiana Gregory
A Light in the Storm: The Civil War Diary of Amelia Martin by Karen Hesse
My Secret War: The WW II Diary of Madeline Beck by Mary Pope Osborne
A Picture of Freedom: The Diary of Clotee—A Slave Girl 1859 by Patricia McKissack
So Far From Home: The Diary of Mary Driscoll—An Irish Mill Girl by Barry Denenberg
Standing in the Light: The Captive Diary of Catherine Carey Logan 1763 by Mary Pope Osborne
Voyage on the Great Titanic: The Diary of Mary Ann Brady 1912 by Ellen Emerson White
West to a Land of Plenty by Jim Murphy
When Will This Cruel War Be Over? The Diary of Emma Simpson 1864 by Barry Denenberg
A Journey to the New World: The Diary of Remember Patience Whipple by Kathryn Lasky