

Summer Reading assignment for Grade 6

Both of these assignments are due by Friday, August 31

You will be reading two books. Use the suggested reading list to make your selections.

For one of the books, choose one of the following projects:

1. Create an illustrated map of the places that the characters go to within the book
 - a. Be sure to identify the place by name
 - b. Include at least 6 places
 - c. Be sure to explain in writing the meaning of the place
2. Create a postcard from one of the characters- telling some part of the story from that character's point of view. Picture on one side- writing on the other side.
3. Make a colorful book poster, promoting the book. Provide clues/details that will make others want to read this book.
4. Rewrite the book as a picture book, designed for younger children. A picture and 1-2 sentences per page. Include the key points/events of the story.

******* For whichever project you choose, include the title and author of the book.**

For the other book, write a book log

Be sure to include title and author

1. Describe either your favorite scene/event or describe your favorite character- this should be written as a detailed paragraph.
2. Give your opinion of the book- did you like/dislike it? Why/why not?

6th Grade Summer Reading List

***** a Rhode Island Middle School Book Award Winner or Nominee

Book Scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman ***** For twelve-year-old Emily, the best thing about moving to San Francisco is that it's the home city of her literary idol: Garrison Griswold, book publisher and creator of the online sensation Book Scavenger (a game where books are hidden in cities all over the country and clues to find them are revealed through puzzles). Upon her arrival, however, Emily learns that Griswold has been attacked and is now in a coma, and no one knows anything about the epic new game he had been poised to launch. Then Emily and her new friend James discover an odd book, which they come to believe is from Griswold himself, and might contain the only copy of his mysterious new game.

Drowned City by Don Brown ***** The sadness of avoidable tragedy and the triumph of the human spirit come to life in this graphic novel about Hurricane Katrina, one of the worst natural disasters in US history.

When Friendship Followed Me Home by Paul Griffin ***** Ben Coffin has never been one for making friends. As a former foster kid, he knows people can up and leave without so much as a goodbye. Ben prefers to spend his time with the characters in his favorite sci-fi books...until he rescues an abandoned mutt from the alley next-door to the Coney Island Library. Scruffy little Flip leads Ben to befriend a fellow book-lover named Halley—yes, like the comet—a girl unlike anyone he has ever met. Ben begins thinking of her as "Rainbow Girl" because of her crazy-colored clothes and her laugh, pure magic, the kind that makes you smile away the stormiest day. Rainbow Girl convinces Ben to write a novel with her. But as their story unfolds Ben's life begins to unravel, and Ben must discover for himself the truth about friendship and the meaning of home.

Click Here to Start by Denis Markell ***** When Ted inherits his uncle's apartment "and all the treasure within," he realizes the apartment is set up like a real-life video game and must solve the puzzles with his friends to discover the treasure.

Fuzzy by Tom Angleberger ***** When Max befriends her new robot classmate Fuzzy, she helps him navigate Vanguard Middle School and together they reveal the truth behind the Robot Integration Program.

Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins A preteen boy named Gregor and his younger sister Boots are in the laundry room of their apartment when Boots falls through a grate. Gregor follows. They find themselves in a world where insects and rodents are as big as humans. They discover that there are also humans in this strange world when they are brought to the city Regalia by cockroaches. Here Gregor meets the royal family, including Luxa, the future queen and Howard, her cousin. While staying in the city, Gregor learns of a prophecy that states two "overlanders" and eight underlanders will journey to rescue a captured overlander. Soon the people of Regalia discover that Gregor is the "Warrior" of which the prophecy speaks. Unwillingly Gregor discovers that he will have to make the journey.

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen In this novel, thirteen year old Brian is flying on a bush plane when the pilot suddenly has a heart attack and dies. Brian manages to keep the plane level until it crashes into a lake. Brian survives the crash, but that is just the beginning. He must learn to survive on his own with nothing but his hatchet—a gift his mother gave him shortly before his plane departed. Among the Hidden. In a society that allows only two children per family, Luke is a third child, a "shadow child." He's illegal, strictly forbidden. So he stays hidden, alone most of the time and frightened all of time.

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix. This is the story about the main character, Luke Gardner, who is a third child. In the world that Luke lives in, parents are only allowed to have two children, and any additional children will be killed.

Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary is the first middle-grade trade book that tells the **true** story of the woman who unwittingly spread deadly bacteria, the epidemiologist who discovered her trail of infection, and the health department that decided her fate. (nonfiction)

Mark of the Thief by Jennifer A. Nielsen When Nic, a slave in ancient Rome, is forced to enter a sealed cavern containing lost treasures of Julius Caesar, he acquires an ancient amulet filled with magic.

