

## Summer Reading assignment for Grade 6

**Due date: All Summer reading is due by Friday, September 3, 2021**

You will be reading two books. Use the suggested reading list, and choose at least 1 book from the list to read.

**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 choice, write a book log.**

**Be sure to include title and author**

**\*\*\* there is no need to print this out. When you are done, please post this to the 6th grade Summer Work Classroom. Here is the code to access that classroom:**

**gpokmre**

You will see an assignment for the summer reading book log -post your book log there

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 2021

\*\*\*\*\* 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.

**Be Prepared by Vera Brosgol** \*\*\*\* Vera is excited to attend sleepaway camp just for the Russian kids like her. But when camp ends up being tougher than she imagined, Vera isn't sure she will survive a whole summer of bug bites and bullying bunkmates. Memoir/Graphic Novel.

**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.

**Echo's Sister by Paul Mosier** \*\*\*\*\* El's plans for a fantastic year at her new school are derailed when her sister is diagnosed with cancer. As the family struggles to meet everyone's needs, they learn the true value of community. Realistic fiction.

**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.

**City Of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau** The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. There are several books in the Book of Ember series: *The People of Sparks*, *The Prophet of Yonwood (a prequel)*, and the final installment, *The Diamond of Darkhold*.

**These two books are Audiobook recommended. It is fine to use Audiobook for summer reading.**

**Illegal by Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin \*\*\*\*\*** This graphic novel tells the story of Ebo, an orphan from Ghana, who follows his older brother to seek asylum in Europe. Their epic journey alternates between present and past as it depicts the brutal journey of asylum seekers across the Mediterranean. Realistic fiction/graphic novel

**The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson \*\*\*\*\*** When Candice and her neighbor, Brandon, discover a mysterious letter in her grandmother's attic, they must use clues to discover a hidden fortune- and uncover injustices from their city's past. Mystery