

6th Grade Summer Reading List - 2018

***Crossover or Booked* by Kwame Alexander** (Humor/Realistic)

Crossover- Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars, Josh and Jordan, wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court. Both twins adhere to the Bell basketball rules: In this game of life, your family is the court, and the ball is your heart.

Booked- Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

***The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley** (Historical Fiction)

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their difficult, not-so-caring mother.

***Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk** (Historical Fiction)

Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what's right in the face of a violent new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran.

***Full of Beans* by Jennifer Holm** (Historical Fiction)

Meet Turtle's cousin, Beans! Ten year-old Beans Curry, a member of the Keepsies, the best marble playing gang in Depression-era Key West, Florida, engages in various schemes to earn money.

***Ghost* by Jason Alexander** (Realistic Fiction)

Ghost wants to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle school track team, but his past is slowing him down. Ghost. Lu. Patina. Sunny. Four kids from wildly different backgrounds that are explosive when they clash. But they are also four kids chosen for an elite middle school track team—a team that could qualify them for the Junior Olympics if they can get their acts together. They all have a lot to lose, but they also have a lot to prove, not only to each other, but to themselves.

***Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom* by Lynda Lowery** (Memoir)

Lynda Lowery recounts her experiences as the youngest marcher on the 1965 voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. Lowery proved that young adults can be heroes. Jailed eleven times before her fifteenth birthday, Lowery fought alongside Martin Luther King, Jr. for the rights of African-Americans.

***Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper** (Realistic Fiction)

The story of a brilliant girl who cannot speak or write. Melody is not like most people. She cannot walk or talk, but she has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She is smarter than most of the adults who try to diagnose her and smarter than her classmates—the very same classmates who dismiss her as mentally challenged, because she cannot tell them otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by cerebral palsy. And she's determined to let everyone know it...somehow.

***Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt** (Realistic Fiction)

Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read. A novel for anyone who has ever thought there was something wrong with them because they didn't fit in. Everybody is smart in different ways.

***Night of the Howling Dogs* by Graham Salisbury** (Survival)

On the big island of Hawaii, Dylan's scout troop hikes down into an ancient volcano. It's peaceful. But there's a problem: Louis Domingo - bully.

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***Rain, Reign* by Ann M. Martin** (Realistic Fiction)

Rose Howard is obsessed with homonyms. She's thrilled that her own name is a homonym, and she purposely gave her dog Rain a name with two homonyms, which, according to Rose's rules of homonyms, is very special. When a storm hits their town, rivers overflow, the roads are flooded, and Rain goes missing. Rose's father shouldn't have let Rain out. Now Rose has to find her dog, even if it means leaving her routines and safe places to search.

***Pax* by Sara Pennypacker** (Fiction)

After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back. Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But one day, the unimaginable happens: Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild.

At his grandfather's house, three hundred miles away from home, Peter knows he isn't where he should be—with Pax. He strikes out on his own despite the encroaching war, spurred by love, loyalty, and grief, to be reunited with his fox.

***Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks** (Realistic Fiction)

Ravi has just moved to the United States from India and has always been at the top of his class; Joe has lived in the same town his whole life and has learning problems—but when their lives intersect in the first week of school they are brought together by a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and the need to take control of their lives.

***The Thing about Jellyfish* by Ali Benjamin** (Realistic Fiction)

After her best friend dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced that the true cause of the tragedy must have been a rare jellyfish sting. Things don't just happen for no reason.

***Ten True Tales* by Allan Zullo** (Non-fiction)

Choose one of these gripping stories of extraordinary persons who have met the challenges of dangerous, sometimes life-threatening, situations. Includes “FBI Heroes,” “Heroes of 9/11,” “Heroes of Pearl Harbor,” “Surviving Sharks,” “Titanic - Young Survivors,” and “WWII.” Fourteen titles in the series to pick from!

***Scientists in the Field* (series) various authors** (Non-fiction)

Do you like dolphins? Bats? Seahorses? Polar bears? Elephants? Cheetahs? Volcanoes? This series of 56 books to choose from shows firsthand adventures in the great outdoors. From climbing into a snake den to tracking wolves; from swimming with hammerhead sharks to saving endangered great apes; from learning about the science of ocean motion by following trash; to studying volcanoes in order to save lives, experience the thrill of discovering the unknown.

***The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown** (Fiction/Nature Survival)

Can a robot survive in the wilderness? When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is—but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home—until, one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her.

***Ms. Bixby's Last Day* by John David Anderson** (Realistic Fiction)

Everyone knows there are different kinds of teachers. The boring ones, the mean ones, the ones who try too hard, the ones who stopped trying long ago. The ones you'll never remember, and the ones you want to forget. Ms. Bixby is none of these. She's the sort of teacher who makes you feel like school is somehow worthwhile. Topher, Brand, and Steve know this better than anyone. And so when Ms. Bixby unexpectedly announces that she won't be able to finish the school year, they come up with a risky plan—more of a quest, really—to give Ms. Bixby the last day she deserves.

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Other Choices We Recommend

<i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i>	Norton Juster
<i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>	Wilson Rawls
<i>Black Ships Before Troy: Iliad</i>	Rosemary Sutcliff
<i>My Side of the Mountain</i>	Jean Craighead George
<i>The White Mountains</i>	John Christopher
<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>	Scott O'Dell
<i>One Crazy Summer</i>	Rita Williams-Garcia
<i>The Secret of Platform 13</i>	Eva Ibbotson
<i>Bomb: Race to Steal and Build World's Most Dangerous Weapon (NF)</i>	Steve Sheinkin
<i>Counting by 7's</i>	Holly Goldberg Sloan
<i>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh</i>	Robert C. O'Brien
<i>Lincoln's Grave Robbers (NF)</i>	Steve Sheinkin
<i>Coraline</i>	Neil Gaiman
<i>Waiting for the Magic</i>	Patricia MacLachlan
<i>Inquisitor's Tale (3 Magical Children...)</i>	Adam Gidwitz

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Story Map Organizer for Works of Fiction

Title: _____ Author: _____

<u>Setting</u> (where & when) Where: When:	<u>Main Characters</u> (who)
<u>Conflict</u> (main problem)	How the Characters Tried to Solve the Problem....
<u>Solution:</u> (How is the main problem finally solved?)	Would you recommend this book? Why or Why not?

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My Super Six! (An Organizer for Nonfiction Books)

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Author:

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