

## Rising 6th Grade Summer Reading

### First required book:

The Running Dream by Wendelin van Draanen

**Second required book:** Choose at least one book from the following list  
(Feel free to read them ALL!)

A Wrinkle in Time: The Graphic Novel by Madeleine L'Engle: A Wrinkle in Time is the story of Meg Murry, a high-school-aged girl who is transported on an adventure through time and space with her younger brother Charles Wallace and her friend Calvin O'Keefe to rescue her father, a gifted scientist, from the evil forces that hold him prisoner on another planet.

Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix: Found is the exciting first book in master storyteller Margaret Peterson Haddix's The Missing series. Haddix delivers an action-packed story where she weaves high-tech science into an exciting plot. ... This book will keep you guessing and on the edge of your seat the entire time.

Peak by Roland Smith: Peak Marcello is a 14-year-old climber trying to help his father, Joshua Wood, by becoming the youngest person ever to reach the summit of Mount Everest in Roland Smith's Peak. Making the summit is hard and requires acclimatizing, but Peak gets help from Zopa and Sun-Jo.

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander: "The Crossover" is a young adult novel by Kwame Alexander that follows the life experiences of 12-year-old basketball player Josh Bell across several months in the autumn and early winter of his seventh-grade year at Reggie Lewis Middle School.

The Sea of Monsters: The Graphic Novel by Rick Riordan: In order to restore their dying safe haven, the son of Poseidon and his friends embark on a quest to the Sea of Monsters, to find the mythical Golden Fleece, all the while trying to stop an ancient evil from rising. ... Annabeth discovers the mystic Golden Fleece is capable to heal Thalia and save their camp.

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead: It takes place in the Upper West Side in New York during 1978 and 1979 and follows the protagonist, Miranda Sinclair. She receives a strange note asking her to record future events and write down to the location of her spare key. As the novel progresses, Miranda receives three more notes with requests.

Dead End in Norvelt, by Jack Gantos: Melding the entirely true and the wildly fictional, *Dead End in Norvelt* is the story of an incredible two months for a boy named Jack Gantos, whose plans for vacation adventure are suddenly ruined when he is grounded by his feuding parents for what seems like forever.

### **Rising 7th Grade Summer Reading**

○ **First Required Book:**

- *The Red Kayak* by Priscilla Cummings

**Second Required Book** (must choose **ONE** novel from the list below)

- *The Apothecary* by Maile Meloy
- *Twerp* by Mark Goldblatt
- *Chains* by Laurie Hulse Anderson (by the author of *Fever 1793*)
- *Life as We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer
- *The Dead and the Gone* by Susan Beth Pfeffer  
(companion to *Life as We Knew It*)
- *Things Not Seen* by Andrew Clements

### **Rising 8th Grade Summer Reading**

**First Required Book:**

(Choose one of the following graphic novels:)

- *March, Laika, El Deafo, or The Breadwinner*

**Second required book.**

(Choose one of the following books.)

- *Zen and the Art of Faking It* by Jordan Sonnenblick.
- *Shakespeare Makes the Playoffs* by Ron Koertge.
- *The Juliet Club* by Suzanne Harper.
- *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine.