

Dear Incoming 6th graders,

I can't wait to meet you next year! You **must choose 2 books from the list** to read over the summer. However, I highly encourage you to read more than just two books. Many of the books listed are part of a series and I will warn you – you might get hooked on several great books this summer! Happy Reading – Mrs. Johnson



Title	Cost	Author	Brief description
Beneath (#1 in series)		R. Smith	Pat and his older brother Coop have always been close. Coop is... different. He doesn't use electronics, talk on the phone, or use email. He likes the thrill of being underground. After a fight with his parents, Coop runs away and 1 year later Pat receives a message from Coop. Can Pat follow the clues to find his brother, who has joined an underground community?
Scouts		Greenland	Annie, Beans, Rocky, and Fynn are the Scouts — best friends who do together. The Scouts secretly climb Old Man Basinger's silo to watch a meteor shower. When one meteor seems to crash nearby, the Scouts know they have to set out on their next adventure and find it. But their fun overnight jaunt through the woods soon takes a turn for the worst when they discover a series of disturbing clues about the meteor and suddenly find themselves on the run from the wild, violent Mason clan. Will the Scouts survive this journey together?
Hour of the Bees		Eagar	Carol has to spend her entire summer in the New Mexico desert. She has to help her parents pack up her grandfather's ranch, so they can move him into a home for people with dementia. She has never met her grandfather – who is quite the storyteller. Magic and reality begin to blur when she sees the bees...
Making Bombs for Hitler		Skrypuch	Lida thought she was safe. Her neighbors wearing the yellow star were all taken away, but Lida is not Jewish. She will be fine, won't she?
Front Desk		Yang	Mia Tang and her parents expected to work hard when they came to the United States, but they had no idea how difficult things would be. Ten-year-old Mia takes over the front desk, and is determined to follow her dream of being a writer. But first she'll have to sort out life at Calivista Motel, where it's her job to keep lots of secrets!
No Summit Out of Sight		Romero	The true story of the youngest person to climb the Seven Summits. Jordan Romero tells about his quest to make his dream come true through determination and will against the odds.
The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora		Cartaya	Get the girl. Save the restaurant. Protect the town. And make Abuela proud. Can 13-year-old Arturo Zamora do it all in one summer—or is he in for a <i>huge</i> fail?
The Apothecary (#1 in series)		Meloy	Janie Scott moves from Los Angeles to London, where she meets a mysterious apothecary and his son. Benjamin's father is kidnapped and he and Janie must uncover the secrets of the Pharmacopoeia, while keeping it out of enemy hands.
The Face on the Milk Carton (#1 in series)		Cooney	What would you do if you were eating lunch with your friends at school, as you usually do, only to see yourself as a missing person on a milk carton?
New Kid!		Craft	Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade.
The Night Gardener		Auxier	The Night Gardener follows two abandoned Irish siblings who travel to work as servants at a creepy, crumbling English manor house. But the house and its family are not quite what they seem. Soon the children are confronted by a mysterious stranger and an ancient curse that threatens their very lives.
Fantasy League		Lupica	Twelve-year-old Charlie is a fantasy football guru. Though he's not much of a player, when it comes to knowing and loving the game, he's at the top. He even becomes a celebrity when his podcast gets noticed by a sports radio host. Soon Charlie befriends the elderly owner of the L.A. Bulldogs and convinces him to take a chance on an aging quarterback. It's all a bit much for a bench warmer just trying to stay on top of his grades.