



Rising 6th Grade
Summer Resource Packet

Summer 2022

Dear Rising Sixth Grade Students and Parents,

Just as physical exercise keeps our bodies healthy and in-shape, reading and responding to literature will keep our reading skills sharp! Research shows that students who do not read 20 minutes every day all summer lose reading and cognitive skills they developed in the previous school year.

Therefore, I would like rising sixth graders to read at least **four** age-appropriate, grade-level novels (two fiction, one nonfiction, and one required). Some book recommendations are listed on the next page. Please remember that the list is merely a resource; students should read books that interest them.

Students will need to keep track of the books they read by completing the attached reading log. In addition to the reading log, students are required to complete one project from the attached grid for each novel (not including the required novel). Each project may only be used once, and you must select a **different** project for each novel. Students will complete a project on the required novel when we return to school in the fall.

Summer Reading Requirements:

- All rising sixth graders must read *Rain Reign* by Ann M. Martin
- All rising sixth graders must read three additional novels: two fiction and one nonfiction
- All rising sixth graders must complete the attached reading log
- All rising sixth graders must complete one project from the attached response grid for each of the three additional novels (not for the required novel). Remember that each project may only be used once; you must select a **different** project for each novel for a total of three different projects.

Finally, I have also included the Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Journal at the end of this packet. This is an **optional** reading program where students in grades 1-6 can earn a free book by reading eight books over the summer and completing the reading log.

Have a great summer and happy reading!

Mrs. Kish

Gr. 5 & 6 Language Arts Teacher

6th Grade Book Recommendations

FICTION

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
Holes by Louis Sachar
The Call of the Wild by Jack London
Small Spaces by Katherine Arden
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
Somewhere Among by Annie Donwerth-Chikamatsu
Space Case by Stuart Gibbs
My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
The Dark is Rising by Susan Cooper
Princess Academy by Shannon Hale
Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga
Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein
Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson
Midnight Without a Moon by Linda Williams Jackson
To Catch a Cheat by Varian Johnson
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies
Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk
Beetle Boy by MG Leonard
The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick
The Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore
The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill
The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare

NONFICTION

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson
The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (Young Reader's Edition) by William Kamkwamba
The Finest Hours (Young Readers Edition) by Michael J. Tougias
Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World by Jennifer Armstrong
Unbroken (The Young Adult Adaptation) by Laura Hillenbrand
Brown Girl Dreaming By Jacqueline Woodson
I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
Enchanted Air by Margarita Engle
Trapped by Marc Aronson
Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah
Obsessed: A Memoir of My Life with OCD by Allison Britz
Girl Code: Gaming, Going Viral, and Getting It Done by Andrea Gonzales & Sophie Houser

Graphic novels are acceptable reading choices; however, only one graphic novel may count toward your summer reading requirement.

Name: _____

6th Grade Summer Reading Log

Four books required:

- *Rain Reign* by Ann M. Martin
- Two fiction novels
- One nonfiction novel

	Title	Author
1.		
2.		
3.		
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6th Grade Summer Reading Response Grid

1 Create a fictional interview video with the main character or the author where you play the character/author and dress the part. Upload your final video into your Google Classroom, so you can share it with me in the fall.	2 Create four character trading cards using the digital tool of your choice or drawn neatly by hand. Remember to include the character's name, an image, and several interesting "statistics" about the character.	3 Write at least three diary entries from the point of view of one of the story's main characters that they would have written before, during, or after the book's events. Remember that the character's thoughts and feelings are very important in a diary.
4 Create a timeline of at least 6 major events from your book. This can be an interactive digital timeline or drawn by hand. If digital, include links to additional information, images, videos, etc. that show the importance of each event. If hand-drawn, briefly describe the importance of each event.	5 Create a Google Slideshow identifying four connections from the story. 1. Text-Text: make a connection between this story and another story you have read. 2. Text-Self: make a connection between this story and you. 3. Text -Movie: make a connection between this story and a movie you have seen. 4. Text-World: make a connection between this story and something that has happened or is happening in the world.	6 If this novel had a soundtrack, what would it be? Create a playlist with at least 10 songs that would make a great soundtrack for this book. Write down the title of each song and the artist. Then, explain why each song would fit well in the story. Also tell where in the storyline each song would be played.
7 Create a comic strip retelling the story in your own words. Be sure to include all of the important characters, exciting events, conflicts, and resolution. This can be done digitally at https://www.storyboardthat.com or drawn neatly by hand.	8 Create a 2-minute video book trailer using the digital tool of your choice. Remember that you are trying to get other students interested in reading your book. Upload your final video into your Google Classroom, so you can share it with me in the fall.	9 Create a new book jacket for the novel. Use the digital tool of your choice or draw it neatly by hand. Remember to include a brief summary of the book, a little about the author, and an eye-catching cover image.

Barnes & Noble SUMMER READING JOURNAL

Earn a free book through the Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Program for kids in Grades 1-6.

SIMPLY FOLLOW THESE THREE EASY STEPS:

1. Read any eight books this summer and record them in this Summer Reading Journal. Tell us which part of the book is your favorite, and why.
2. Bring your completed journal to a Barnes & Noble store between July 1 and August 31, 2022.
3. Choose your free reading adventure from the books listed below.

GRADES 1 & 2

The Alien Next Door 1: The New Kid	A. I. Newton
The Bad Seed Goes to the Library	Jory John
Baloney and Friends	Greg Pizzoli
Henry Heckelbeck Gets a Dragon	Wanda Coven
The Inflatables in Bad Air Day	Beth Garrod & Jess Hitchman
Juana y Lucas	Juana Medina
Judy Moody and the Right Royal Tea Party	Megan McDonald
The Kingdom of Wrenly 1: The Lost Stone	Jordan Quinn
Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride	Kate DiCamillo
Pete the Cat Goes Camping	James Dean
National Geographic Readers: Sharks	Anne Schreiber

GRADES 3 & 4

Cat Ninja	Matthew Cody
Horse Country 1: Can't Be Tamed	Yamile Saied Méndez
The Incredibly Dead Pets of Rex Dexter	Aaron Reynolds
Laugh-Out-Loud: The Big Book of Knock-Knock Jokes	Rob Elliott
Lety alza su voz (Lety Out Loud)	Angela Cervantes
Phoebe and Her Unicorn	Dana Simpson
Trapped in a Video Game	Dustin Brady
Ways to Make Sunshine	Renée Watson

GRADES 5 & 6

Ali Cross	James Patterson
Amari and the Night Brothers	B. B. Alston
Camp	Kayla Miller
Esperanza renace (Esperanza Rising)	Pam Muñoz Ryan
Fins: A Sharks Incorporated Novel	Randy Wayne White
Hook	Miriam Bonastre Tur
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus	Dusti Bowling
The Mystery of Black Hollow Lane	Julia Nobel
Percy Jackson and the Olympians 1: The Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan
Rebound	Kwame Alexander
The School for Good and Evil	Soman Chainani
A Snicker of Magic	Natalie Lloyd

THIS SUMMER READING JOURNAL BELONGS TO:

STUDENT NAME

SCHOOL

GRADE

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL*

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Write the titles and authors of the books you've read in the boxes below.
Tell us which part of the book is your favorite, and why.

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	Favorite Part	
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	Favorite Part	
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6	Title/Author	
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Summer Reading Program Offer: This offer entitles your school-aged child in Grades 1-6 to one (1) free book (from the list on this coupon) when they submit their completed Reading Journal to your local Barnes & Noble store between July 1 and August 31, 2022, while supplies last. No purchase necessary. Book choice must be made from available stock. There is no guarantee that your book of choice will be available or in stock. This offer does not apply to special orders. Limit of 1 free book per school-aged child (Grades 1-6); completing multiple Reading Journals does not entitle the school-aged child to more than 1 free book. Not valid at Barnes & Noble College bookstores, or through Barnes & Noble.com (bn.com). This offer is not redeemable for cash, cash equivalents, Gift Cards or eGift Cards, and is not valid on past or pre-ordered purchases, nor will the return of such free book provided pursuant to this offer be eligible for credit of any type. This offer is subject to change or discontinuation without notice. We will, however, honor this offer for all completed Reading Journals submitted to a Barnes & Noble store prior to such discontinuation or change. Offer is void where prohibited by law. Barnes & Noble is not responsible for typographical or pictorial errors. **Bookseller Instructions:** Scan all items, then scan coupon barcode or enter coupon code into the product number field. Discount will be applied after the TOTAL button is pressed. Partner with the MOD if the discount does not apply.

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