

6th Grade Summer Reading

Required Book	Assessment*
Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett	Standardized Quiz

6th Grade Optional Reading List for Enrichment

A note to parents: While we're choosing books for literary value to pique students' interest, you should use your own discretion for content. Because the reading level and content level will vary within this list, we encourage you to read over the list with your child and choose a book you feel is most suitable for his/her interest and maturity level.

1) ***Across Five Aprils*** by Irene Hunt (Historical Fiction) Jethro, who is nine years old when the first April blooms, must run the farm in southern Illinois almost alone during the Civil War. Dangers on the home front prove as exciting as those in battle.

2) ***Alabama Moon*** by Watt Key (Realistic Fiction) After the death of his father, ten-year-old Moon Blake is removed from the Alabama forest where he was raised and sent to a boy's home, where, for the first time, he has contact with the outside world and learns about friendship, love, and humanity.

3) ***The Black Stallion*** by Walter Farley (Classic/ adventure) The story of the understanding and love between a boy and a magnificent wild horse and the adventures and dangers they shared.

4) ***Chains*** by Laurie Halse Anderson (Historical Fiction) After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

5) ***Fablehaven*** by Brandon Mull (Fantasy) When Kendra and Seth go to stay at their grandparents' estate, they discover that it is a sanctuary for magical creatures and that a battle between good and evil is looming.

6) ***Found*** by Margaret Peterson Haddix (Or any title in the series) (Science Fiction) When 13-year-olds Jonah and Chip learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel.

7) ***The Lightning Thief*** by Rick Riordan (Or any title in the series) (Fantasy/ adventure) Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, and is sent to Camp Half Blood where he is befriended by a satyr and the demigod

daughter of Athena who join him in a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a catastrophic war.

8) ***The Man Who Was Poe*** by Avi (Mystery) In Providence, R.I., in 1848, Edgar Allan Poe reluctantly investigates the problems of eleven-year-old Edmund, whose family has mysteriously disappeared and whose story suggests a new Poe tale with a ghastly final twist.

9) ***Milkweed*** by Jerry Spinelli (Historical Fiction) A story of heartbreak, hope, and survival told through the eyes of a Jewish orphan in Nazi-occupied Warsaw.

10) ***The Red Pyramid*** by Rick Riordan (Or any title in the series) (Fantasy/adventure) Brilliant Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kane accidentally unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes the doctor to oblivion and forces his two children to embark on a dangerous journey, bringing them closer to the truth about their family and its links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.

11) ***Shakespeare Bats Clean-Up*** by Ronald Koertge (Realistic Fiction) When a fourteen-year-old baseball player catches mononucleosis, he discovers that keeping a journal and experimenting with poetry not only helps fill the time, it also helps him deal with life, love, and loss.

12) ***The Thief Lord*** by Cornelia Funke (Fantasy/suspense) Two brothers, having run away from the aunt who plans to adopt the younger one, are sought by a detective hired by their aunt, but they have found shelter with--and protection from--Venice's "Thief Lord."