

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading

Required Book	Assessment*
<i>Chasing Vermeer</i> by Blue Balliett	Standardized Quiz

Summer is a great time to challenge your student to read a book for enjoyment. The following books are student recommendations of books they have enjoyed reading.

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.

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- 1) ***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.
- 2) ***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.
- 3) ***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.
- 4) ***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.
- 5) ***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.
- 6) ***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.
- 7) ***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."