

6th Grade Summer Reading 2025

Due: Friday, September 12th

Step 1: Select ONE of the novels from the list below:

- Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- Way of the Warrior Kid by Jocko Willink
- Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- Travel Team by Mike Lupika
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

Step 2: Read the text over the summer and come to school prepared for an assessment on the book you chose!

→ **This assessment will take place on Friday, September 12th.**

→ **The assessment will be largely comprehension based, focusing on the novel you chose to read, but we will ask a few questions that relate to basic grammar skills too. These questions will not be counted towards your score, but will instead help us to form a baseline for our work throughout the year.**

→ **Comprehension Topics:**

- Main Idea
- Point of View
- Theme
- Setting
- Characters (Major/Minor)
- Conflict/Resolution
- Protagonist/Antagonist
- Plot

→ **Grammar Topics:**

- Basic Capitalization/Punctuation
- The Sentence (Kinds of Sentences, Subjects/Predicates)
- Verbs (Recognizing, Helping, Being/Linking)
- Nouns (Recognizing, Common/Proper, Singular/Plural)
- Pronoun (Subject/Object)
- Adjectives/Adverbs

Novel Descriptions

Shiloh (Lexile: 890)

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

When Marty Preston comes across a young beagle in the hills behind his home, it's love at first sight—and also big trouble. It turns out the dog, which Marty names Shiloh, belongs to Judd Travers, who drinks too much and has a gun—and abuses his dogs. So when Shiloh runs away from Judd to Marty, Marty just has to hide him and protect him from Judd. But Marty's secret becomes too big for him to keep to himself, and it exposes his entire family to Judd's anger. How far will Marty have to go to make Shiloh his?

Travel Team (Lexile: 930)

Mike Lupika

Twelve-year-old Danny Walker may be the smallest kid on the basketball court -- but don't tell him that. Because no one plays with more heart or court sense. But none of that matters when he is cut from his local travel team, the very same team his father led to national prominence as a boy. Danny's father, still smarting from his own troubles, knows Danny isn't the only kid who was cut for the wrong reason, and together, this washed-up former player and a bunch of never-say-die kids prove that the heart simply cannot be measured

Way of the Warrior Kid (Lexile: 610)**Jocko Willink**

Fifth grade was the worst year of Marc's life. He stunk at gym class, math was too hard for him, the school lunch was horrible, and his class field trip was ruined because he couldn't swim. And the most awful thing about fifth grade? Kenny Williamson, the class bully, who calls himself the King of the Jungle Gym. When Marc's mother tells him that his uncle Jake is coming to stay for the whole summer, Marc can't wait. Uncle Jake is a for-real, super-cool Navy SEAL. And Uncle Jake has a plan. He's going to turn Marc into a warrior.

Among the Hidden (Lexile: 800)**Margaret Peterson Haddix**

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke, an illegal third child, has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm in this start to the Shadow Children series from Margaret Peterson Haddix.

Luke has never been to school. He's never had a birthday party, or gone to a friend's house for an overnight. In fact, Luke has never had a friend. Luke is one of the shadow children, a third child forbidden by the Population Police. He's lived his entire life in hiding, and now, with a new housing development replacing the woods next to his family's farm, he is no longer even allowed to go outside. Then, one day Luke sees a girl's face in the window of a house where he knows two other children already live. Finally, he's met a shadow child like himself. Jen is willing to risk everything to come out of the shadows -- does Luke dare to become involved in her dangerous plan? Can he afford not to?

Holes (Lexile: 660)**Louis Sachar**

Stanley Yelnats is under a curse. A curse that began with his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather and has since followed generations of Yelnatses. Now Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention center, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day digging holes exactly five feet wide and five feet deep. There is no lake at Camp Green Lake. But there are an awful lot of holes. It doesn't take long for Stanley to realize there's more than character improvement going on at Camp Green Lake. The boys are digging holes because the warden is looking for something. But what could be buried under a dried-up lake? Stanley tries to dig up the truth in this inventive and darkly humorous tale of crime and punishment—and redemption.

Long Walk to Water (Lexile: 720)**Linda Sue Park**

Cherished by millions of readers, this #1 New York Times bestselling novel is a powerful tale of perseverance and hope. Newbery Medalist Linda Sue Park interweaves the stories of two Sudanese children who overcome mortal dangers to improve their lives and the lives of others.

A Long Walk to Water begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about two eleven-year-olds in Sudan, a girl in 2008 and a boy in 1985. The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is two hours' walk from her home: she makes two trips to the pond every day. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the "lost boys" of Sudan, refugees who cover the African continent on foot as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay.

Enduring every hardship from loneliness to attack by armed rebels to contact with killer lions and crocodiles, Salva is a survivor, and his story goes on to intersect with Nya's in an astonishing and moving way. Includes an afterword by author Linda Sue Park and the real-life Salva Dut, on whom the novel is based, and who went on to found Water for South Sudan.