

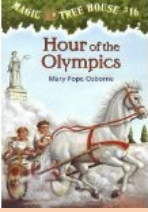
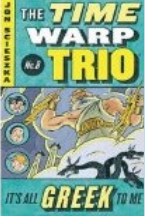
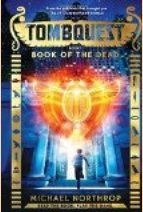


2026 SUMMER READING PROJECT

(FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 6)



Fiction

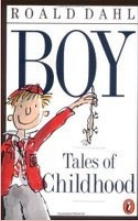
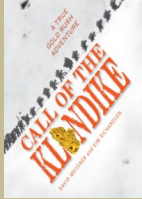
BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LEXILE LEVEL
<p>Hour of the Olympics</p> 	<p>Mary Pope Osborne</p>	<p>The Magic Tree House whisks Jack and Annie back to ancient Greece. But when Annie tells Jack to go to the games without her, he knows she's up to something. Will Annie find a way to see the games? Or will she get herself—and Jack—into Olympic-size trouble? Find out in Hour of the Olympics</p>	<p>380</p>
<p>It's All Greek to Me- Time Warp Trio</p> 	<p>Jon Scieszka</p>	<p>Joe, Fred, and Sam are transported back in time to Mount Olympus while performing in a school play about ancient Greece. Needless to say, they aren't much of a threat when they try to use their cardboard thunderbolts on Cerberus. Instead, the boys use their wits, and a Ding Dong in the case of the three-headed dog, as they quickly slip in and out of danger. Children who know Nike is the Greek goddess of victory will double over with laughter when Sam Orpheus, friend of Nike, introduces his chums as Fred Cyclops, follower of Reebok, and Joe Paris, cohort of Fila. Humor continues as the friends help hide a nervous Zeus, who is worried that his wife, Hera, will blab to the other gods if she finds out he lost his thunderbolts. Dionysus wants to party and Ares wants to fight, but the real trouble starts when Zeus challenges Joe to give his golden apple to the fairest of all goddesses.</p>	<p>530</p>
<p>Book of the Dead, Tombquest Series Book #1</p> 	<p>Michael Northrop</p>	<p>Nothing can save Alex Sennefer's life. That's what all the doctors say, but his mother knows it's not true. She knows that the Lost Spells of the Egyptian Book of the Dead can crack open a door to the afterlife and pull her son back from the brink. But when she uses the spells, five evil ancients--the Death Walkers--are also brought back to life. An ancient evil has been unleashed. Mummies are awakening. New York is overrun with scorpions. And worst of all for Alex, his mom and the Lost Spells have both disappeared. He and his best friend, Ren, will do anything to find his mom and save the world . . . even if that means going head-to-head with a Death Walker who has been plotting his revenge for 3,000 years.</p>	<p>650</p>

<p>City of Ember</p> 	<p>Jeanne DuPrau</p>	<p>The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. She and her friend Doon must decipher the message before the lights go out on Ember forever! This stunning debut novel offers refreshingly clear writing and fascinating, original characters.</p>	<p>680</p>
<p>A Long Walk to Water</p> 	<p>Linda Sue Park</p>	<p>The New York Times bestseller 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.</p>	<p>720</p>
<p>The Lightning Thief</p> 	<p>Rick Riordan</p>	<p>After getting expelled from yet another school for yet another clash with mythological monsters only he can see, twelve-year-old Percy Jackson is taken to Camp Half-Blood, where he finally learns the truth about his unique abilities: He is a demigod, half human, half immortal. Even more stunning: His father is the Greek god Poseidon, ruler of the sea, making Percy one of the most powerful demigods alive. There's little time to process this news. All too soon, a cryptic prophecy from the Oracle sends Percy on his first quest, a mission to the Underworld to prevent a war among the gods of Olympus.</p>	<p>740</p>
<p>A Wrinkle in Time</p> 	<p>Madeleine L'Engle</p>	<p><i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>, winner of the Newbery Medal in 1963, is the story of the adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe (athlete, student, and one of the most popular boys in high school). They are in search of Meg's father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government on the tesseract problem. A tesseract (in case the reader doesn't know) is a wrinkle in time. *may contain sensitive content</p>	<p>740</p>

<p>My Side of the Mountain</p> 	<p>Jean Craighead George</p>	<p>Every kid thinks about running away at one point or another. A few get farther than the end of the block. Young Sam Gribble gets to the end of the block and keeps going--all the way to the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York. There he sets up house in a huge hollowed-out tree, with a falcon and a weasel for companions and his wits as his tool for survival. In a spellbinding, touching, funny account, Sam learns to live off the land, and grows up a little in the process. Blizzards, hunters, loneliness, and fear all battle to drive Sam back to city life. But his desire for freedom, independence, and adventure is stronger.</p>	<p>810</p>
<p>Mara, Daughter of the Nile</p> 	<p>Eloise McGraw</p>	<p>Mara is a proud and beautiful slave girl who yearns for freedom. In order to gain it, she finds herself playing the dangerous role of double spy for two arch enemies - each of whom supports a contender for the throne of Egypt.</p>	<p>910</p>
<p>Hatchet</p> 	<p>Gary Paulsen</p>	<p>Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is on his way to visit his father when the single-engine plane in which he is flying crashes. Suddenly, Brian finds himself alone in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but a tattered Windbreaker and the hatchet his mother gave him as a present—and the dreadful secret that has been tearing him apart since his parent’s divorce. But now Brian has no time for anger, self-pity, or despair—it will take all his know-how and determination, and more courage than he knew he possessed, to survive.</p>	<p>1020</p>

Nonfiction

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LEXILE LEVEL
<p>Ancient Greece and the Olympics Magic Tree House Companion Book</p> 	<p>Mary Pope Osborne</p>	<p>When Jack and Annie got back from their adventure in Magic Tree House #16: Hour of the Olympics, they had lots of questions. What did the ancient Greeks wear? What did they do for fun? Where were the very first Olympics held? How are our modern Olympics similar to the ancient Olympics? Find out the answers to these questions and more as Jack and Annie track the facts. Filled with up-to-date information, photos, illustrations, and fun tidbits from Jack and Annie.</p>	<p>590</p>
<p>A Smart Kids' Guide to Ancient Greece and Ancient Egypt</p> 	<p>Liam Saxon</p>	<p>Bestselling children's author Liam Saxon is proud to present TWO BOOKS IN ONE! Introducing "A Smart Kids Guide to ANCIENT GREECE AND ANCIENT EGYPT". This book uses captivating images and expertly written words to teach children about these two ancient civilizations.</p>	<p>600</p>
<p>Mummies and Pyramids Magic Tree House Companion Book</p> 	<p>Mary Pope Osborne</p>	<p>Filled with up-to-date information, photos, illustrations, and fun tidbits from Jack and Annie, the Magic Tree House Fact Trackers are the perfect way for kids to find out more about the topics they discovered in their favorite Magic Tree House adventures.</p>	<p>650</p>
<p>Book of How: All About Survival</p> 	<p>Time for Kids</p>	<p>This book presents kids with answers to the kinds of intriguing questions that appeal to their sense of curiosity. Colorful graphics, spectacular photos and clear, engaging diagrams will help answer questions such as: How do you stay safe in a hurricane? How do you stay safe in a fire? How does a search dog find a missing person?</p>	<p>970</p>

<p>Boy: Tales of Childhood</p> 	<p>Roald Dahl</p>	<p>From his own life, of course! As full of excitement and the unexpected as his world-famous, best-selling books, Roald Dahl's tales of his own childhood are completely fascinating and fiendishly funny. Did you know that Roald Dahl nearly lost his nose in a car accident? Or that he was once a chocolate candy tester for Cadbury's? Have you heard about his involvement in the Great Mouse Plot of 1924? If not, you don't yet know all there is to know about Roald Dahl. Sure to captivate and delight you, the boyhood antics of this master storyteller are not to be missed.</p>	<p>1090</p>
<p>Call of the Klondike: A True Gold Rush Adventure</p> 	<p>David Meissner</p>	<p>As thousands head north in search of gold, Marshall Bond and Stanley Pearce join them, booking passage on a steamship bound for the Klondike goldfields. The journey is life threatening, but the two friends make it to Dawson City, in Canada, build a cabin, and meet Jack London—all the while searching for the ultimate reward: gold! This is a riveting, true, action-packed adventure, with their telegrams, diaries, and letters, as well as newspaper articles and photographs. An author's note, timeline, bibliography, and further resources encourage readers to dig deeper into the Gold Rush era.</p>	<p>1100</p>

**** ASSIGNMENT:** Read one fiction book and one nonfiction (informational) book from the lists above. Choose 2 projects from the menu below. Please have your child bring their completed projects to their 6th grade class by September 30, 2026.

Remember to include the book title and your child's name on the work.**

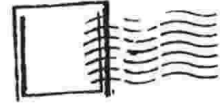
Our goal at this level is to promote the love of reading.

This summer each incoming 6th grade student is required to read a minimum of 2 books. Choose one book from the fiction list and one book from the nonfiction list. The average Lexile level of a typical sixth grade student is between 620L-1012L. For more information on Lexile levels please visit www.lexile.com. Note: Content may exceed the Lexile level.

Directions:

Choose **1** of the following projects for your fictional book and choose **1** of the following projects for your nonfiction selection. (Total of 2 projects)

<p style="text-align: center;">Use with fiction book</p> <p>Create a diary of a character in your book.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Must Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -choose 1 character -write 10-15 entries (minimum of 8-10 sentences each) -describe events from the character's point of view -bound it together and design a front cover for your diary 	<p style="text-align: center;">Use with fiction book</p> <p>Create a wanted poster for the antagonist (character who causes problem(s) in the story)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Must Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -book's title and author -a drawing of the antagonist -what he/she has done to cause problems -a description of his/her overall appearance -some quotes from the text of what other characters have said about him/her -finally, a "reward" amount. Be creative. It can look western, modern, etc. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Use with fiction book</p> <p>Design a comic strip retelling an event from the book.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Must Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -book's title and author -minimum of 10 cartoon squares -main characters -other important minor characters -setting at time of event -cartoon speech bubbles that summarize the speech of characters -clear, colorful images that depict visually the action of the event
<p style="text-align: center;">Use with nonfiction book</p> <p>Create an A,B,C Topic book</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Must Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -a cover for your book including a title that relates to your topic - include a fact for each letter of the alphabet (play with words to make facts fit) -use 7 sheets of paper and fold in half - each half of page should include 2 letters and at least one illustration 	<p style="text-align: center;">Use with nonfiction book</p> <p>Create a postcard</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Must Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -written in 1st person point of view -use attached template -2 paragraphs (6-8 sentences each) that highlight the place you have "visited" in your nonfiction book -illustrations on the back side (include the title of the book, author, and a caption describing the picture) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Use with nonfiction book</p> <p>Create a quiz for your classmates with information learned from your book</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Must Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -15 questions (5 multiple choice, 5 true and false, and 5 fill-in-the-blank) - 1 short answer question (this type of questions requires a 3-5 sentence response) -an answer key must be attached -neatly written in black/blue pen OR typed
<p style="text-align: center;">Use with either fiction or nonfiction</p> <p>Prepare a Powerpoint, Prezi, or poster summarizing your book.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Must Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -book's title and author -a summary of the main events or ideas presented in the book (minimum of 12 entries) -information about the main and minor character(what they look like and act like) in fiction OR 3 interesting new facts learned in nonfiction -your opinion of the book 	<p style="text-align: center;">Use with either fiction or nonfiction</p> <p>Design a timeline for events in the book.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Must Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -book's title and author -information about the events in the plot (beg, mid, & end) or chronological events associated with the topic presented -minimum of 12 events -the main and minor characters or important people related to the topic -Neatness, color, and illustrations relevant to the book 	<p style="text-align: center;">Use with either fiction or nonfiction</p> <p>Write a letter to the author of the book telling him/her what you thought about the book.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Must Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -book's title and author -a minimum of 3 paragraphs -your opinion of the book -2 pieces of text evidence from the book to support your opinion -typed or neatly written in blue or black ink



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Summer Reading Rubric

Fiction Menu Project

Content	5	4	3	2	1
Requirements/Following Directions	5	4	3	2	1
Neatness/Originality	5	4	3	2	1

Points: _____/15

Nonfiction Menu Project

Content	5	4	3	2	1
Requirements/Following Directions	5	4	3	2	1
Neatness/Originality	5	4	3	2	1

Points: _____/15

Total Points: _____/30

Letter Grade: _____