2026 Suggested Summer Reading: Incoming 6th Graders

Action / Adventure

- "Hatchet" by Gary Paulsen
- "Julie of the Wolves" by Jean Craighead George
- "Touching Spirit Bear" by Ben Mikaelsen

Fantasy

- "Harry Potter" series by J.K. Rowling
- "Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard" series by Rick Riordan
- "Percy Jackson and the Olympians" series by Rick Riordan
- "The Chronicles of the Underworld" series by Craig Kofi Farmer
- "The Manifestor Prophecy" series by Angie Thomas
- "The Trials of Apollo" series by Rick Riordan
- "Wings of Fire" series by Tui T. Sutherland

Ghost Stories / Mystery

- "Hungry Bones" by Louise Hung
- "Spy School" series by Stuart Gibbs
- "The City Spies" series by James Ponti
- "Took: A Ghost Story" by Mary Downing Hahn

Graphic Novels

- "New Kid" series by Jerry Craft
- "One Crazy Summer" by Rita Williams-Garcia
- "Smile," "Sisters," and "Guts" by Raina Telgemeier
- "Wings of Fire" graphic novels series by Tui T. Sutherland

Historical Fiction

- "A Sea of Lemon Trees" by Maria Dolores Aguilera
- "Ground Zero" by Alan Gratz
- "Prisoner B-3087" by Alan Gratz
- "The Nine Moons of Han Yu and Luli" by Karina Yan Glaser
- "The Night War" by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- "The Pecan Sheller" by Lupe Ruiz-Flores
- "The Teacher of Nomad Land" by Danel Nayeri
- "Where Only Storms Grow" by Alyssa Colman

Non-Fiction

- "A World Without Summer" by Nicholas Day
- "Made in Asian America" by Erika Lee
- "Unlawful Orders" by Barbara Binns

Realistic Fiction

- "All the Blues in the Sky" by Renee Watson
- "Freak the Mighty" series by Rodman Philbrick
- "Front Desk" series by Kelly Yang
- "Home Team" series by Mike Lupica
- "Kareem Between" by Shifa Saltagi
- "Old School" by Gordon Korman
- "Starfish" by Lisa Fipps
- "Track" series by Jason Reynolds
- "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio

Science Fiction

- "The City of Ember" series by Jeanne DuPrau
- "The Giver" quartet by Lois Lowry

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