



*Rising Sixth Grade*

# **Summer Reading/ Writing**

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# Rising Sixth Grade Summer Reading

Parents,

It is summertime! We always encourage you to enjoy the outdoors, swim, sleep in late, and be together as a family. We hope you have a wonderful few months ahead of you and that you can create many memories during this time. We also hope you spend some time keeping your child's memory fresh with all the important things they learned this past school year. We've tried to help you in that task by gathering summer worksheets and writing assignments for your child to complete.

This packet includes required assignments that your child must have completed before the first day of sixth grade. **Students will bring summer work to their classroom on the first day of school.** By taking the time to do these over the summer, you are preparing your child for a great beginning to their sixth-grade year!

We pray that you have a fantastic summer. We pray for safe travels and relaxing nights. We pray for your child as they learn and grow. We look forward to seeing you this fall. Until then, enjoy summer!

Sincerely,  
The Sixth Grade Team

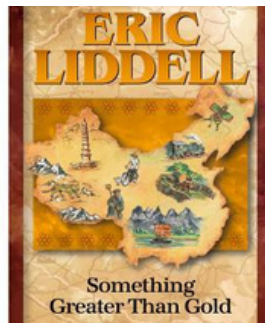
**Sixth grade is required to read *Eric Liddell: Something Greater than Gold* by Goeff and Janet Benge and a minimum of two other books.**



## Sixth Grade Summer Reading Recommendations

The following books are suggestions by the Sixth Grade Team to help your child prepare for the upcoming year. The incentive for summer reading in 6th grade is to instill the joy of reading in our students. **The goal is for each child to read at least 3 books, 1 required and 2 additional.** However, we always encourage students to read more than 3 books for fun! Happy reading!

### REQUIRED READING



See the summer work packet  
for reading assignments!

***Eric Liddell: Something Greater Than Gold***  
(*Christian Heroes: Then & Now #6*)  
by Janet Bengé, Geoff Bengé

**Please choose at least two books from the following:**

***Holes*** (*Holes Series, Book 1 of 3*) by Louis Sachar

***The Trumpeter of Krakow*** by Eric P. Kelly

***Adam of the Road*** by Elizabeth Gray Vining

***Amos Fortune, Free Man*** by Elizabeth Yates

***Johnny Tremain*** by Esther Forbes

***Rifles for Watie*** by Harold Keith

***The Twenty-One Balloons*** by William Pène du Bois

***The White Stag*** by Kate Seredy

***Moon Over Manifest*** by Clare Vanderpool

***Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*** (*Rats of NIMH Series, Book 1 of 3*) by Robert C. O'Brien

***Animal Farm*** by George Orwell



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**New Kid** (*New Kid Series, Book 1 of 2*) by Jerry Craft  
**Watership Down** (*Watership Down Series, Book 1 of 2*) by Richard Adams  
**Caddie Woodlawn** (*Caddie Woodlawn Series, Book 1 of 2*) by Carol Ryrie Brink  
**The Giver** (*The Giver Series, Book 1 of 4*) by Lois Lowry  
**Woods Runner** by Gary Paulsen  
**Fever 1793** by Laurie Halse Anderson  
**The Witch of Blackbird Pond** by Elizabeth George Speare  
**The Pearl** by John Steinbeck  
**A Wrinkle in Time** (*Time Quintet Series, Book 1 of 5*) by Madeleine L'Engle  
**Misty of Chincoteague** (*Misty Series, Book 1 of 4*) by Marguerite Henry  
**Dogsong** by Gary Paulsen  
**The Hobbit, or There and Back Again** by J.R.R. Tolkien  
**Walk Two Moons** by Sharon Creech  
**The Cay** (*The Cay Series, Book 1 of 2*) by Theodore Taylor  
**Across Five Aprils** by Irene Hunt  
**Little Women** (*Little Women Series, Book 1 of 3*) by Louisa May Alcott  
**Fish in a Tree** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt  
**Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear** by Lindsay Mattick  
**Finding Gobi: The True Story of a Little Dog and an Incredible Journey** by Dion Leonard  
**All-of-a-Kind Family** (*All-of-a-Kind Family Series, Book 1 of 5*) by Sydney Taylor  
**The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope** by William Kamkwamba, Bryan Mealer  
**A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story** by Linda Sue Park  
**Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story** by Ben Carson, Cecil Murphey  
**The Lightning Thief** (*Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series, Book 1 of 5*) by Rick Riordan  
**Stormbreaker** (*Alex Rider Series, Book 1 of 12*) by Anthony Horowitz  
**The Book of Three** (*The Chronicles of Prydain Series, Book 1 of 5*) by Lloyd Alexander

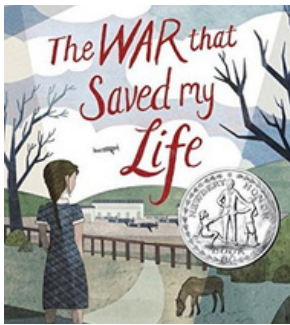
**Please note:** These books are simply recommendations, listed in no particular order, for your convenience. We hope you will use these as a starting point to explore many new books together!



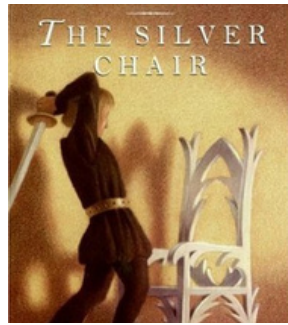
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## BOOKS WE WILL READ TOGETHER THIS YEAR

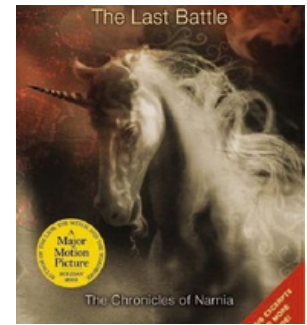
These titles should be avoided for summer reading, as they will be delivered with textbooks and read during the school year. We look forward to reading these together this year!



***The War That Saved My Life***  
(*The War That Saved My Life* #1)  
by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley



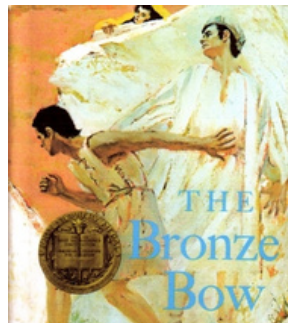
***The Silver Chair***  
(*The Chronicles of Narnia* #6)  
by C.S. Lewis



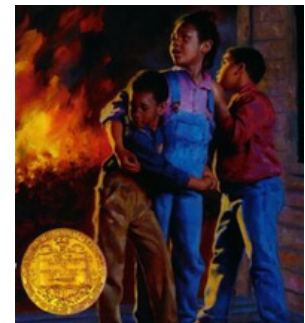
***The Last Battle***  
(*The Chronicles of Narnia* #7)  
by C.S. Lewis



***Hatchet***  
(*Brian's Saga* #1)  
by Gary Paulsen



***The Bronze Bow***  
by Elizabeth George Speare



***Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry***  
(*Logans* #4)  
by Mildred D. Taylor



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## WRITING:

Summer reading for sixth graders involves one required title and two additional books. Please note that while only three books are required, teachers hope and expect that your child will choose to read more than the minimum.

For Eric Liddell: Something Greater Than Gold, students will make a **bookmark** following these directions:

- 2.5 in x 8 in piece of paper
- use plenty of color and creativity; use your imagination!
- front:
  - title
  - author
  - "catch phrase" to represent a key idea of the story
  - visual image to represent the story
- back:
  - brief summary of the book (4-6 sentences)
  - a list of main characters with a brief description of each
  - rating of the book (draw 1-5 stars to show how much you liked it)
- add your name

For the first book of choice, students are to write a **book report** following these guidelines:

- MLA format, 5 paragraphs
- paragraph 1: basic information
  - title
  - author
  - publisher
  - date published
  - brief summary
- paragraph 2: setting
  - time
  - place
- paragraph 3: main characters (minimum of 3 characters)
  - name
  - age
  - appearance
  - personality
  - how they change throughout the book
- paragraph 4: plot
  - describe the beginning
  - state the problem or conflict
  - conclude with the resolution of the story
- paragraph 5: conclusion
  - Did you like the book?
  - What was your favorite part?
  - Would you recommend this book? To who?
- add your name



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For the second book of choice, students will write an **alternate ending in cursive** following these guidelines:

- lined notebook paper
- cursive writing
- 200 words
- add your name

For additional books, use the **reading log** below to record your extra summer reading:

| Title & Author | # of Pages | Rating    |
|----------------|------------|-----------|
|                |            | ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ |
|                |            | ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ |
|                |            | ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ |
|                |            | ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ |
|                |            | ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ |

As an optional assignment for additional books of choice, students can make a **crossword puzzle** showing your understanding of the novel with at least six across and six down. Create a blank version on one side and a filled-in version with the answers on the back.

In addition to the bookmark, book report, alternate ending, and optional reading assignments above, **write our Head of School a letter!** Include your hopes and dreams for sixth grade. What do you envision the year to look like? What kind of leader do you want to be? What are your goals?

Mail your letter to the following address:

**St. Paul Christian Academy**  
**ATTN: Mr. Norton, Head of School**  
**5033 Hillsboro Pike**  
**Nashville, TN 37215**



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Trace it &

Trust in the Lord with

all your heart & lean

not on your own under-

standing. Proverbs 3:5

Write it &

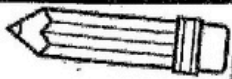




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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Trace it ↓

Start where you  
think it is, then you  
know it will be also.

Matthew 6:21

Write it ↓

Blank lined paper for writing practice.



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Trace it &

Whitewater you do,  
do it all for the glory  
of God.

Write it &

1 Corinthians 10:31



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Trace it &

do everything without  
interrupting or asking  
questions 7-11  
of

Write it &

