

2010 Summer Reading List:

**Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Students are encouraged to **read at least 1 book from this list** plus 2 more books of their choice, for a total of 3 books.

Alcott, Louisa May. *Little Women*.

A classic story of family life inspired by the author and her sisters as they grew up.

Anderson, MT. *Jasper Dash and the Flame-Pits of Delaware*.

Boy Technonaut Jasper Dash and his friends Lily Gefelty and Katie Mulligan travel into the mist-shrouded heart of the forbidden mountainous realm of Delaware to try and unravel a terrible mystery (Pals in Peril Series).

Baskin, Nora Raleigh. *Anything but Typical*.

Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.

Christopher, Matt. *Lacrosse Firestorm*.

After his chances of becoming the league's top scorer are sabotaged by his nemesis, Garry Wallis, Michael begins to plot his revenge during a week-long lacrosse tournament that puts Garry on the defensive in more ways than one. (Any book by this author is good).

DeFelice, Cynthia. *Signal*.

After moving with his emotionally distant father to the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York, twelve-year-old Owen faces a lonely summer until he meets an abused girl who may be a space alien.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. *Wild Girl*.

When twelve-year-old Lidie leaves Brazil to join her father and brother on a horse ranch in New York, she has a hard time adjusting to her changed circumstances, as does a new horse that has come to the ranch.

Gipson, Fred. *Old Yeller*.

About a Texas pioneer family in the 1860s and the big yellow stray dog that affects their lives.

Hiassen, Carl. *Scat*.

Nick and his friend Marta decide to investigate when a mysterious fire starts near a Florida wildlife preserve and an unpopular teacher goes missing.

Klise, Kate. *Regarding the Sink*

This delightful, engaging, and truly unconventional mystery is told through letters, newspaper articles, telephone and interview transcripts, postcards, faxes, memos, and other "official" documents.

Korman, Gordon. *Schooled*.

After his hippie grandmother ends up in the hospital, Cap Anderson is forced to leave the commune where he is homeschooled and attend Claverage Middle School, where his odd looks and behavior make him the target of bullies.

Lombard, Jenny. *Drita, My Homegirl*.

When ten-year-old Drita and her family, refugees from Kosovo, move to New York, Drita is teased about not speaking English well, but after a popular student named Maxine is forced to learn about Kosovo as a punishment for teasing Drita, the two girls soon bond.

Lord, Cynthia. *Rules*.

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

Lowry, Lois. *The Willoughbys*. \*\*

In this tongue-in-cheek take on classic themes in children's literature, the four Willoughby children set about to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny (**Parent approval\*\***).

MacLachlan, Patricia. *Edward's Eyes*

Edward is one of a large and close family that loves baseball, music, books, and each other, and when he unexpectedly dies and his parents donate his organs, his wonderful eyes go to a perfect recipient.

Morgenstern, Susie. *Secret Letters from 0 to 10*.

Ernest lives a boring existence until a lively girl named Victoria enters his class at school.

Myracle, Lauren. *Eleven*.

The year between turning eleven and turning twelve brings many changes for Winnie and her friends.

Philbrick, Rodman. *The True Adventure of Homer P. Figg*.

Twelve-year-old Homer, a poor but clever orphan, has extraordinary adventures after running away from his evil uncle to rescue his brother, who has been sold into service in the Civil War.

Riordan, Rick. *The Lightning Thief*.

After learning that the father he never knew is Poseidon, God of the Sea, *Percy Jackson* is transferred from boarding school to Camp Half-Blood, a summer camp for demigods, and becomes involved in a quest to prevent a war between the gods (Any in the Series).

Roy, Jennifer. *Yellow Star*.

From 1939, when Sylvia is four and a half years old, to 1945 when she has just turned ten, a Jewish girl and her family struggle to survive in Poland's Lodz ghetto during the Nazi occupation.

Springer, Nancy. *The Case of the Missing Marquess: An Enola Holmes Mystery*.

Enola Holmes, much younger sister of detective Sherlock Holmes, must travel to London in disguise to unravel the disappearance of her missing mother. **Series:** The Case of the Peculiar Pink Fan, The Case of the Left-Handed lady, The Case of the Bizarre Bouquets.

Stead, Rebecca. *When You Reach Me*.

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show, "The 20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.

Stevenson, Robert Louis. *Treasure Island*.

While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads them to a pirate's fortune.

Stewart, Paul & Chris Riddell. *Beyond the Deepwoods: The Edge Chronicles #1*

Young Twig lives in the Deepwoods, among the Woodtrolls, but he isn't one of them. In a brave attempt to find out where he belongs, Twig wanders into the mysterious, dangerous world beyond the Deepwoods. **Sequels:** Midnight Over Sanctaphrax, Stormchaser, Curse of the Gloamglozer, Vox, Last of the Sky Pirates, Clash of the Sky Galleons.

Wallace Rich. *Sports Camp*.

Eleven-year-old Riley Liston tries to fit in at Camp Olympia, a summer sports camp where he is one of the youngest boys.

Yancey, Rick. *The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp*

Alfred Kropp was just trying to survive high school when his guardian uncle gets him roped into a suspicious get-rich-quick scheme that changes his life forever: stealing Excalibur—the legendary sword of King Arthur.

**Sequel:** Seal of Solomon.