

Entering 6th Graders:

You are required to read a total of **two** books over the summer. You may read any book listed on Accelerated Reader within your reading level that you have not read before. (www.arbookfind.com) Some suggestions are listed below. **You are NOT limited to this list.**



Title	Author	BL(book level)	Summary
<i>Mockingbird</i>	Kathryn Erskine	3.6	Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school. While at home, she seeks closure by working on a project with her father.
<i>11 Birthdays</i>	Wendy Mass	4.1	After having a falling out on their tenth birthday and not speaking to each other for the last year, Amanda and Leo prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately, but peculiar things begin to happen.
<i>Canned</i>	Alex Shearer	4.2	Fergal Bamfield collects tin cans. One day he finds a can without a label and finds that inside is a human finger. Then, he finds another can, this time containing a one-word message, HELP.
<i>The Boy Who Saved Baseball</i>	John H. Ritter	4.4	The fate of a small California town rests on the outcome of one baseball game, and Tom Gallagher hopes his team can win with the secrets of a disgraced former player, Dante Del Gato.
<i>The Wish Giver: Three Tales of the Coven Tree</i>	Bill Brittain, etc	4.4	When a strange little man comes to the Coven Tree Church Social promising he can give people exactly what they ask for, three young believers-in-magic each make a wish that comes true in the most unexpected way.
<i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</i>	Kate DiCamillo, etc	4.4	Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him. He travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.
<i>When You Reach Me</i>	Rebecca Stead	4.5	In 1979, as her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 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 seem to defy the laws of time and space.
<i>The Girl Who Drank the Moon</i>	Kelly Barnhill	4.8	Every year, the people of the Protectorate leave a baby as an offering to the witch who lives in the forest. They hope this sacrifice will keep her from terrorizing their town. But the witch in the forest, Xan, is kind and gentle.
<i>The Eye, The Ear, The Arm</i>	Nancy Farmer	4.7	In 2194 in Zimbabwe, General Matsika's three children are kidnapped and put to work in a plastic mine while three mutant detectives use their special powers to search for them.
<i>On My Honor</i>	Marion Dane Bauer	4.7	When his best friend drowns while they are both swimming in a treacherous river that they had promised never to go near, Joel is devastated and terrified at having to tell both sets of parents the terrible consequences of their disobedience.
<i>A Mango-Shaped Space</i>	Wendy Mass	4.7	Afraid that she is crazy, thirteen-year-old Mia, who sees a special color with every letter, number, and sound, keeps this a secret until she becomes overwhelmed by school, changing relationships, and the death of her beloved cat, Mango.
<i>Heat</i>	Mike Lupica	5.3	Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old, and he has no parents to offer them proof.
<i>The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate</i>	Jacqueline Kelly	5.3	In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather.
<i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i>	Grace Lin	5.5	Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish and then joins a dragon on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of discovering how to change her family's fortune.
<i>The Light in the Forest</i>	Conrad Richter	5.5	A four-year-old white boy is adopted into an Indian warrior tribe.
<i>The 10 Greatest Accidental Inventions</i>	Jack Booth	6.0	This book discusses ten accidental inventions, such as the chocolate chip cookie, Velcro, and penicillin.
<i>The Hidden World</i>	Allison Baird	6.1	When Maeve discovers her grandmother's diary and a beautiful Celtic brooch, something strange happens. She finds herself in the Hidden World - a place that is alive with magic and danger.

<i>Gideon, the Cutpurse/Time Travelers</i>	Linda Buckley-Archer	6.3	Ignored by his father and sent to Derbyshire for the weekend, twelve-year-old Peter and his new friend, Kate, are accidentally transported back in time to 1763 England where they are befriended by a reformed cutpurse. Book #1
<i>Maybe Tomorrow</i>	Joan Weir	6.5	In a time when Canada is still young and prejudice against its native peoples still socially acceptable, two girls from different worlds come together to form a friendship that defies the odds.
<i>Adam and the Road</i>	Elizabeth Janet Gray	6.5	This book describes the adventures of eleven-year-old Adam as he travels the open roads of thirteenth-century England searching for his missing father, a minstrel, and his stolen red spaniel, Nick.
<i>The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Adaptation)</i>	Daniel James Brown	6.9	(Nonfiction) Out of the depths of the Great Depression comes the astonishing tale of nine working-class boys from the American West who at the 1936 Olympics showed the world what true grit really meant.
<i>The False Prince</i>	Jennifer Nielsen	5.1	In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war. Book #1

WRITER'S NOTEBOOK DIRECTIONS FOR SUMMER READING:

While you are reading, you will respond in your Writer's Notebook to each of the books you read. (1) You will need a NEW Writer's Notebook. (2) Decorate it with pictures, clippings, quotes, and other things that reflect something about you and that you could possibly use to provide inspiration for your writing. (3) Seal it with clear packing tape or contact paper so that nothing falls off. (4) Answer the following summer reading questions for each novel.....

Summer Reading Questions:

1. What is the theme of this book? (Remember: the theme is the main point the author is trying to communicate to the reader; it should be a complete sentence and a universal statement.)
2. Name one major conflict from the book and describe how that conflict is resolved.
3. Describe two settings from the book.
4. Pick a character from the book. Describe what he or she is like at the beginning of the plot. How does this character change throughout the story?
5. Explain how you can relate to this book. Consider the plot, characters, setting, etc.

