

Souderton Area School District

Summer Reading **for Students Entering 6th Grade**

Summer means sun and fun, biking and hiking, picnics and ...RELAXING WITH A GOOD BOOK!! Famous newspapers publish summer reading lists, so why shouldn't we?

As an almost-former fifth-grader, you probably know how it feels to finish an exciting book: you feel satisfied with the story and pleased with your accomplishment. This summer you can get a "jump" on your sixth-grade reading requirement by keeping this summer reading log.

Inside is a list of great suggestions for reading, divided up into many genres. You can just find your favorite genre, and see if there's something you want to read. We've also added a list of "sixth grade favorites" on the last page, books recommended by the current sixth graders.

Of course, you don't have to read only the books we've listed here. The list is intended as a helpful suggestion.

What you need to do this summer is keep a reading log. Remember the district standards. You will set a new reading goal when you meet your new sixth grade teacher in September, but your new year actually starts in June as soon as school is out. We want you to record the books that you read this summer in the log.

Here's your summer homework:

- **Read at least two books this summer (or many more).**
- **Bring your book log to school with you in September. If you lose the log, make your list on a sheet of notebook paper.**
- **Your new sixth grade reading teacher will collect it from you in September.**



Realistic Fiction

Patron The Higher Power of Lucky
Lord Rules
Paterson* The Great Gilly Hopkins
Rylant Missing May
Vail* Daring to Be Abigail
Lowry* Number the Stars
Lipsyte The Contender
MacLachlan* Baby
Sachar* Dogs Don't Tell Jokes
6th Grade Secrets
Blume Starring Sally J. Freedman
Danziger* The Cat Ate My Gymsuit
VanOosting The Last Payback
Fox Monkey Island
Cleary* Dear Mr. Henshaw
Strider
Spinelli* Crash
Naylor Shiloh
Shiloh Season
Brooks The Wolfbay Wings series
Sleator Into The Dream
Konigsburg* From the Mixed-Up Files of
Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
Myers Hoops
Christopher* Return of the Homerun Kid
Byars* Summer of the Swans
George* Julie of the Wolves
Frightful's Mountain
Langton Fledgling
Woodruff Bicycle
DiCamillo The Tiger Rising

Historical Fiction

Patterson Bread and Roses Too
Erdrich Birchbark House
Brink Caddie Woodlawn
Mazer Goodnight Maman
Namiotka Ties That Bind,
Ties That Break
Paterson* Preacher's Boy
Lawrence The Thieves of Ostra
Lawrence The Secret of Vesuvius
Matas After the War
Vos Hide and Seek
Collier My Brother Sam Is Dead
Hunt No Promises In The Wind
Avi* Poppy and Rye
The Man Who Was Poe
Fritz Early Thunder
Skolsky* Love from Your Friend,
Hannah
Nixon A Family Apart
Lyons Letter From A Slave Girl

Fletcher
Speare

Shadow Spinner
The Witch of Blackbird Pond

Scholastic
Woodruff

Dear American Series
George Washington's Socks

Mystery and Adventure

Raskin The Westing Game
Hahn Come to Me By Moonlight
Sachar* Holes
Sobol Encyclopedia Brown
Snyder* Egypt Game
VanDraanen* Sammy Keyes series
Smith Zach's Lie
Napoli Three Days
Alexander* Book of Three
O'Dell* Sarah Bishop
Paulsen* Hatchet
The River
Gardiner Stone Fox
Taylor* The Cay
Timothy and the Cay
Eckert An Incident at Hawk's Hill
Ruckman Night of the Twisters
Banks Indian In The Cupboard
I Houdini
Dixon Hardy Boys Series
Keene Nancy Drew Series

Science Fiction and Fantasy

DiCamillo The Tale of Despereaux
L'Engle* A Wrinkle in Time (and
sequels)
Lubar Monster Road
Lowry* The Giver
Gathering Blue
Juster The Phantom Tollbooth
Levine* Ella Enchanted
Hoffman Aquamarine
Rowling* Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's
Stone
Hesse* Music of Dolphins
Jacques* Martin the Warrior
Napoli The Prince and the Pond
Beast
Dahl* The BFG
Matilda
Guttman Honus and Me
Woodruff Magnificent Mummy Maker

** Others by these authors are also
recommended.*

Multicultural Books

D'Adamo	Iqbal
Davis	Just Like Martin
Sperry	Call It Courage
Myers*	Scorpions
Taylor*	The Well
Temple*	Grab Hands and Run
Napoli	Stones in Water
Bao- Lord	Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson
Jiang	Red Scarf Girl
Staples	Shabanu

Biography, and Memoir

Ryan	When Marian Sang
Stanley	I Am an American
Reiss	The Upstairs Room
Lynn	Babe Didrikson Zaharias
Freedman	Eleanor Roosevelt
	Abraham Lincoln
Jeter	The Life You Imagine
Bridges	Through My Eyes
Spinelli	Knots on My Yo-yo String
Peck	Anonymously Yours
Yates	Amos Fortune Free Man
Byers	The Moon and



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Of Science and Social Studies Interest

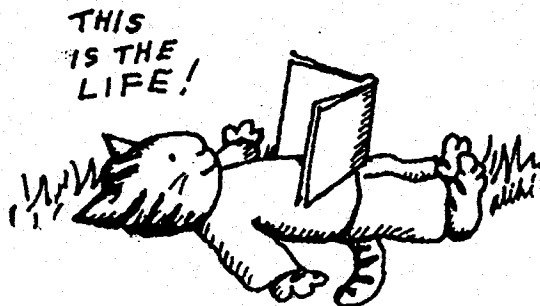
Apfel	Voyager to the Planets
Lauber	I Was There: Discovering The Iceman
Tanaka	The Buried City of Pompeii
Osbourne	Favorite Greek Myths
Yolen	Wings
D'Aullaires	Greek Myths
Larson	There's a Hair in My Dirt
McCarty	The Illiad
Lister	The Odyssey
Casselli	In Search of Troy
Tanaka	The Buried City of Pompeii

Humor

Korman	Beware The Fish
Lubar	Monster Road
Coville	My Teacher Is An Alien
Pinkwater	Fat Camp Commandos
Scieszka	Time Warp Trio
Ardagh	A House Called Awful
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Recommendations from Current Sixth Graders

Book	Author	Genre	Readers' Initials
Inkheart	Funke	Fantasy	DEC
Harry Potter series	Rowling	Fantasy	TM, MM
Bound	Napoli	Hist fiction	JW
Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen	Sheldon	Real. fiction	ME
The Westing Game	Raskin	Mystery	EM
Magyk	Sage	Fantasy	MH
The Invention of Hugo Cabret	Selznick	Hist. fiction	MC
Zippity Zinger	Winkler	Fiction	GAM, JFM
Alex Ryder series	Horowitz	Thriller	LA, MSM, DB
Never Mind	Avi/Vail	Real. fiction	JW
Heartbeat	Creech	Real. fiction	MPR
The Thieves of Ostia	Lawrence	Mystery	JK
Ida B.	Hannigan	Real. fiction	MS
The Trumpet of the Swan	White	Real. fiction	VGT
The Summer of Riley	Bunting	Real. fiction	LZ
Al Capone Does My Shirts	Choldenko	Hist. fiction	LS
Double Identity	Haddix	Thriller	KS
Hatchet	Paulsen	Adventure	MH, NS
Soul Surfer	Hamilton	Non-fiction	DB
East	Pattou	Fantasy	CM
Lightening Thief	Riordan	Fantasy	CY, MJ
Big Papi	Ortiz/Massarott	Non-fiction	
Hope Was Here	Bauer	Real. fiction	EL
Zach's Lie (and sequel)	Smith	Thriller	MFD
The Tail of Emily Windsnap	Kessler	Fantasy	KM
Maximum Ride (series)	Patterson	Fantasy	AG



Student Record of Books Read

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Name _____ Teacher _____ School _____ School Year _____

#	Title	(✓)*	Author	Genre	Date Finished	1-10 Rating**	Why did you give this rating?
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Genre: F = Fiction, I = Informational, SF = Science Fiction, M = Memoir, P = Poetry, N = Narrative, M = Mystery, B = Biography, D = Drama
 (✓)* = Put a check (✓) in this column if the book was from a recommended list. ** 1-10 Rating = # 1 is the lowest rating, #10 is the highest rating.