

Indian Valley and Indian Crest Middle Schools



Summer 2017

Guide To

Summer Reading for Incoming 6th Graders

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 there that 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 Indian Valley.

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 do need to do this summer is to keep a reading log. Remember the district reading standards. You will set a new reading goal when you meet your 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 on the log inside this booklet.

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 this 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
Spinelli	Star Girl, Love
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	Shadow Spinner
Speare	The Witch of Blackbird Pond

Scholastic	Dear American Series
Woodruff	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
Korman	39 Clues

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
Roirdan	Lost Hero

* *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'Aulaires	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
End	

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	

Souderton Area School District
Middle School
Summer 2016 Reading Log

Name _____

Entering Grade _____

	Title of Book	Author	Parent/Guardian Signature
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**Please return this log when you return to school and hand it in to your teacher.