

6th gr. Summer Reading

Dear Parents and Students,

I know everyone is eager for summer vacation, but there should not be a vacation from reading! As with any skill, if you do not practice, you will not improve, and that skill may even decline. In order for your reading level to progress, you should read every day. Students will be required to read two books and write book reports for a grade. After reading those books, please keep reading for your own enjoyment! Either choose books from the recommended reading list, or choose your own books. Parents, it would be very helpful to your child if he/she could read out loud to you. This will help increase reading fluency, and would also be great bonding time!

Happy Reading!

Ms. Caesar

Assignment

Read TWO books and write a book report for each one. Your book reports will be due the first week of school. Book reports should include the following:

- Title and author of the book
- Main characters
- Setting
- Plot summary
- Short book review telling what you liked about the book, and why-provide examples from the book

Choose one book from List #1 and one book from List #2

List #1

Ablaze: Stories of Daring Teen Saints (Swaim)
St. Thomas Aquinas for Children (Maritain)
Lost in St. Peter's Tomb (Ahern)
The Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Walsh)

List #2

A Wrinkle in Time (L'Engle)
Anne of Green Gables (Montgomery)
Bridge to Terabithia (Peterson)
Heidi (Spyri)
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (Taylor)
Swiss Family Robinson (Wyss)

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Recommended Reading

Fiction

Around the World in Eighty Days (Verne)
Black Beauty (Sewell)
Heidi (Spyri)
Johnny Tremain (Forbes)
Journey to the Center of the Earth (Verne)
Kidnapped (Stevenson)
Little House in the Big Woods (Wilder)
Little Women (Alcott)
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Old Yeller (Gipson)
Robinson Crusoe (Defoe)
The Chronicles of Narnia (Lewis)
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow (Irving)
The Secret Garden (Burnett)
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (Baum)

Biographies/Non-fiction

All Thirteen (Chris Ballard)
Born to Fly (Heather Pringle)
Chasing Lincoln's Killer (James Swanson)
Nubs (Major Brian Dennis)
Saint Martin de Porres (Windeatt)
Saint Rose of Lima (Windeatt)
St. Joan, the Girl Soldier (De Wohl)
The Diary of a Young Girl (Anne Frank)
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (Kamkwama)
The Great Fire (Jim Murphy)
The Miracle Worker (Gibson)
The Story of My Life (Helen Keller)

Poetry:

Falling Up (Silverstein)
I'm Just No Good at Rhyming (Harris)
Out of the Dust (Hesse)
Pizza, Pigs, and Poetry: How to Write a Poem (Prelutsky)
Poetry for Young People: Emily Dickinson
Poetry for Young People: Robert Frost
The New Kid on the Block (Prelutsky)
The Random House Book of Poetry for Child