

2018

6th grade Summer Reading List & Project

Students need to read a book from this list over the summer, and then complete the Summer Reading Project. Students will be creating a book jacket about their book. This project is due August 17, 2018. This can be done on computer paper 8x11 or poster board.

***Big Nate in a Class by Himself* by Lincoln Peirce** (Book Level 3.1)

Supremely confident middle-school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement.

***The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate** (Book Level 3.5)

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

***Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate** (Book Level 3.8)

Fearing his family will have to move back into their minivan when they suffer another financial setback, Jackson finds support and comfort through his friendship with a giant imaginary cat.

***I Funny* by James Patterson**(Book Level 3.9)

Jamie loves to tell jokes, but will he choke in the spotlight of a comedy contest, or worse, get the sympathy vote because of his wheelchair? The coauthor is Chris Grabenstein.

Middle School: The Worst Year of My Life (Book Level 4.5) When Rafe enters middle school, he teams up with his best friend to create a game to make school more fun by trying to break every rule in the school's code of conduct.

***Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor** (Book Level 4.4)

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner. The owner is a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs. Book #1.

***Because of Anya* by Margaret Peterson Haddix** (Book Level 4.6)

While ten-year-old Anya faces the difficulties of losing her hair to alopecia areata, her classmate Keely learns how to stand up for what she knows is right.

***Wonder* by R.J. Palacio** (Book Level 4.8)

August Pullman, now 10, was born with a deformed face. Now his parents have decided that it's time for Auggie to meet the wider world, enrolling him in school. His father worries that sending his gentle son to school is like leading a lamb to slaughter.

***Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary** (Book Level 4.9)

In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world.

***Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading* by Tommy Greenwald** (Book Level 5.4) Charlie Joe shares the tactics that have gotten him all the way to Middle School without EVER reading a whole book. Reluctant readers ready to learn his secrets will find instead that they have just finished (and enjoyed!) an entire book

***I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka** (Book Level 5.6)

In this dual memoir, Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda recount how they became best friends and better people through letters. The coauthors are Martin Ganda and Liz Welch.

***Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen** (Book Level 5.7)

After a plane crash, thirteen-year old Brian spends 54 days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

***Serafina and the Black Cloak* by Robert Beatty** (Book Level 5.9)

In 1899, a twelve-year-old girl living secretly on North Carolina's Biltmore Estate, teams up with the estate owner's young nephew to battle a great evil and, in the process, unlocks the puzzle of her past.

***The Alchemyst* by Michael Scott** (Book Level 6.4)

While working at summer jobs, 15-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, find themselves caught up in a deadly, centuries-old struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of secret formulas. Book #1

***Among the Ghosts* by Amber Benson** (Book Level 6.3)

While spending the summer at the New Newbridge Academy where she will soon begin sixth grade, Noh finds strange things happening and discovers the special talent her aunts saw in her when she was a motherless infant.

***Ranger's Apprentice The Ruins of Gorlan* by John Flanagan** (Book Level 7.0)

When fifteen-year old Will is rejected by battle school, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger. Book #1

Summer Reading Book Project- Rubric

Outside Cover: Should contain the book title, author, colored illustration(original artwork), and your name.

Inside of Jacket: Short **summary**(in your own words) highlighting the story's plot(important events); be sure to include the setting (where and when it takes place), characters, conflicts/resolution, and theme (theme is the life lesson or moral of the story). **Make sure to write this in paragraph form.**

Back Cover: Should contain your **opinion** of the book including recommendations for other readers. Recommendations should include specifically who should read the book and why. Please do not say someone should read it because "it's good."

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_____ Outside Cover (5 pts.)

_____ Inside of Jacket (20 pts.)

_____ Back Cover (5 pts.)

_____ Total _____ Grade