

Dear New Fifth Grader,

Welcome to the Middle School! We hope that you will read frequently over the summer and really enjoy it. For summer reading, you should read at least two fiction and two nonfiction books. The fiction books should be chosen from this list, the Nutmeg Intermediate Award List, or the lists that are linked to this page. For nonfiction, you have a choice of reading from the list (the titles are related to what you will study next year) or something that you are interested in. You should keep track of the author and title of everything you read over the summer. You will be asked to share with your team something about the books that you read. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

**Mrs.Cietanno
Media Specialist**

PS Keep an eye out at this website for details about this summer's reading challenge contest for the kiva who reads the most books.

Fifth Grade Summer Reading List

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Arnold, Louise	<u>Golden & Grey</u> ; sequels
Benz, Derek	<u>Revenge of the Shadow King</u> ; sequel
Boyce, Frank	<u>Cosmic</u>
Collins, Suzanne	<u>Gregor the Overlander</u> ; sequels
Coville, Bruce	<u>Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher</u> ; or any title
Dicamillo, Kate	<u>The Magician's Elephant</u> ; any title.
Downer, Ann	<u>Hatching Magic</u> ; <u>The Dragon of Never Was</u>
Duprau, Jeanne	<u>City of Ember</u> ; sequels
Fardell, John	<u>The 7 Professors of the Far North</u> ; sequel
Gutman, Dan	<u>Homework Machine</u> ; any title
Hale, Shannon	<u>Princess Academy</u>
Janell, Lynne	<u>Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat</u>
Lasky, Kathryn	<u>Guardians of Ga'Hoole</u> series; <u>Lone Wolf</u>
Waugh, Sylvia	<u>Space Race</u>
Woodruff, Elvira	<u>The Ravenmaster's Secret</u>

Historical Fiction

Anderson, Laurie Halse	<u>Fever, 1793</u>
Armstrong, Alan	<u>Raleigh's Page</u>
Carlson, Drew	<u>Attack of the Turtle</u>
Denenberg, Barry	<u>The Journal of William Emerson: a Revolutionary War Patriot</u>
Duey, Kathleen	<u>Hoofbeats</u> series
Durrant, Lynda	<u>The Rose of Fort Henry</u>
Harlow, Joan Hiatt	<u>Joshua's Song</u>
Holland, Robert	<u>Eben Stroud</u>
Lasky, Kathryn	<u>Journey to the New World</u>
	<u>The Royal Diaries</u> series
McMullan, Kate	<u>My Travels with Lewis and Clark</u>
Myers, Anna	<u>Spy!</u>

Mystery

Balliett, Blue	<u>The Danger Box</u>
Bruchac, Joseph	<u>Skeleton Man</u> ; <u>Return of Skeleton Man</u>
Byars, Betsy	<u>Disappearing Acts</u>
DeFelice, Cynthia	<u>The Ghost of Fossil Glen</u> ; or <u>The Ghost of Cutler Creek</u>
Holland, Robert	<u>The Black Queen</u> , or any title
Hoobler, Dorothy	<u>The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn</u> ; or any title
Van Draanen, Wendelin	<u>Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief</u> , or any title

Realistic Fiction

Angleberger, Tom	<u>The Strange Case of Origami Yoda</u>
Birdsall, Jeanne	<u>The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale</u> ; sequel
Christopher, Matt	<u>Soccer Halfback</u> ; any title
Davies, Jacqueline	<u>The Lemonade War</u>

Harlow, Jean	<u>Thunder from the Sea; Star from the Sea</u>
Horvath, Polly	<u>Everything on a Waffle</u>
Korman, Gordon	<u>Swindle, sequels</u>
Lupika, Mike	<u>Travel Team; The Big Field; any title</u>
Morpurgo, Micheal	<u>Kensuke's Kingdom; any title</u>
Napoli, Donna Jo	<u>North</u>
O'Connor, Barbara	<u>The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elvis</u>
Paterson, Katherine	<u>The Same Stuff as Stars</u>
Ritter, John H.	<u>The Boy who Saved Baseball</u>
Sachar, Louis	<u>The Boy Who Lost His Face; any title</u>
Seidler, Tor	<u>Gully's Travels</u>
Springstuff, Tricia	<u>What Happened on Fox Street</u>
Vanderpool, Clare	<u>Moon Over Manifest</u>
Wallace,Bill	<u>Ferret in the Bedroom, Lizards in the Fridge; any title</u>

Nonfiction: Reading for Information

These are suggested titles; you may read any nonfiction book that interests you

Science

There's a Zoo on You by Kathy Darling
The Greenwich Guide to the Seasons by Graham Dolan
On the Wing: American Birds in Migration by Carol Lerner
Earth: Our Planet in Space; Eyes and Ears by Seymour Simon
Horseshoe Crabs and Shorebirds: The Story of a Food Web by Victoria Crenson
An Extraordinary Life: the Story of a Monarch Butterfly; Snakes! Strange and Wonderful
 by Laurence Pringle
A Caribou Journey by Debbie Miller
Eureka! Great Inventions and How they Happened by Richard Platt
A Drop of Blood by Paul Showers
Children's Book of Yoga: Games and Exercises that Mimic Plants and Animals by Thia Luby

History

George Washington; The Revolutionary John Adams; Thomas Jefferson; Remember the Ladies: One Hundred Great American Women by Cheryl Harness
Animals on the Trail with Lewis and Clark by Dorothy Patent

Magazines

Boy's Life
 Cobblestone: Discover American History
 Cricket
 Faces: People, Places and Culture
 Muse
 New Moon: the Magazine for Girls and their Dreams

Reading for Literary Experience

Poetry

The Goof Who Invented Homework and other School Poems by Kalli Dakos

Poetry for Young People by Emily Dickenson

The Poetry Atlas of the United States by Lee Bennett Hopkins

For Laughing Out Loud: Poems to Tickle Your Funny Bone by Jack Prelutsky

The Fairies' Ring: A Book of Fairy Stories and Poems by Jane Yolen

Dear Sixth Grader,

We are encouraging all of you to read frequently this summer. Research has shown that students who continue to read over the summer perform better in the fall when school starts. Most of the authors on the sixth grade list have written many excellent books, and you can read any of them; I tried to allow as much flexibility as possible to include different reading levels. Besides the Nutmeg Award nominees, there are links to other lists of award-winning books. Please try to read at least two fiction titles from one of these lists. I would also like you to read some nonfiction (at least two books). Nonfiction reading, or reading for information rather than a story, is a very important skill. You can read any nonfiction book that is interesting to you. The important thing is that you read as much as you can over the summer; I hope you enjoy it!

PS Watch our website for information on the summer reading challenge with a reward for the team who reads the most books.

Sincerely,

Mrs.Cietanno

2011 Sixth Grade Summer Reading List

Realistic Fiction

Avi	<u>The Seer of Shadows</u> ; any title
Berlin, Eric	<u>The Puzzling World of Winston Breen</u> ; sequel
Boyce, Frank	<u>Millions</u>
Buyea, Rob	<u>Because of Mr. Terupt</u>
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<u>Mr.Chickee's Funny Money</u> ; sequel
Evans, Douglas	<u>MVP:Magellan Voyage Project</u>
Fitzmorris, Kathryn	<u>The Year the Swallows Came Early</u>
Frost, Helen	<u>Diamond Willow</u>
Ghent, Natalie	<u>No Small Thing</u>
Giff, Patricia Reilly	<u>Pictures of Hollis Wood</u>
Gorman, Carol	<u>Stumptown Kid</u>
Green, Tim	<u>Baseball Great</u> , <u>Football Hero</u> , <u>Football Genius</u>
Henkes, Kevin	<u>Olive's Ocean</u>
Hiassen, Carl	<u>Hoot</u> ; <u>Flush</u> ; <u>Scat</u>
Holm, Jennifer	<u>Turtle in Paradise</u> ; runner-up for Newbery Award
Lupika, Mike	<u>Travel Team</u> ; or any title
Matthews, Ed	<u>Fish</u>
Montgomery, L.M.	<u>Anne of Green Gables</u>
McKay, Hilary	<u>Saffy's Angel</u> ; <u>Indigo Star</u> ; <u>Permanent Rose</u>
Nazum, K.A	<u>The Leanin' Dog</u>
O'Connor, Barbara	<u>How to Steal a Dog</u>
Paulsen,Gary	<u>Brian's Winter</u> or any title
Smiley, Jane	<u>A Good Horse</u> ; <u>Georges and the Jewels</u>
Stead, Rebecca	<u>When You Reach Me</u> ; 2009 Newbery Award
Vanderpool, Clare	<u>Moon Over Manifest</u> ; Newbery winner
Wiles, Deborah	<u>Each Little Bird That Sings</u>

Historical Fiction

Avi	<u>Iron Thunder</u>
Brink, Carol Ryrie	<u>Caddie Woodlawn</u>
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<u>Elijah of Buxton</u> , Newbery honor book
Giff, Patricia Reilly	<u>Nory Ryan's Song</u>
Hughes, Dean	<u>Search and Destroy</u>
LaFaye, A	<u>Worth</u>
Mazer, Harry	<u>Boy No More</u> ; <u>Boy at War</u>
Parks, Linda Sue	<u>A Single Shard</u>
Pearsall, Shelley	<u>Trouble Don't Last</u>
Smith, Roland	<u>Elephant Run</u>
Whelan, Gloria	<u>Listening for Lions</u>
White, Ellen Emerson	<u>The Journal of Patrick Seamus Flaherty US Marine Corp</u>

Mystery

Allison, Jennifer	<u>Gilda Joyce: The Ladies of the Lake</u> ; sequel
Avi	<u>Midnight Magic</u> ; <u>Murder at Midnight</u>
Balliet, Blue	<u>Chasing Vermeer</u> ; <u>The Wright 3</u> ; <u>The Calder Game</u>
Beil, Michael	<u>The Red Blazer Girls</u>
Byars, Betsy	<u>The King of Murder</u> ; or any title
Skurzynski, Gloria	<u>Rage of Fire</u> or any <u>Mysteries in Our National Parks</u>
Hart, Alison	<u>Shadow Horse</u>
Hilgartner, Beth	<u>Murder for Her Majesty</u>
Holmes, Barbara	<u>Following Fake Man</u>
Hoobler, Dorothy	<u>In Darkness, Death</u> ; or any in series
Horowitz, Anthony	<u>Stormbreaker</u> ; sequels
Mikaelson, Ben	<u>Sparrow Hawk Red</u>
Lawrence, Caroline	<u>Thieves of Ostia</u> or any Roman Mystery
Van Draanen, Wendelin	<u>Sammy Keyes and the Cold, Hard Cash</u>
Wood, Maryrose	<u>The Incurable Children of Ashton Place</u>

Fantasy

Benz, Derek	<u>Revenge of the Shadow King</u>
Bosch, Pseudonymous	<u>The Name of this Book is Secret</u> ; sequels
Bredsdorff, Bodil	<u>Crow-Girl</u>
Carman, Patrick	<u>Thirteen Days to Midnight</u>
Fox, Helen	<u>Eager</u>
Funke, Cornelia	<u>Inkheart</u> ; <u>Inkspell</u> , <u>Inkdeath</u>
Gaiman, Neil	<u>Coraline</u>
Grant, Michael	<u>The Fall: The Magnificent 12</u>
Gutman, Dan	<u>Babe and Me</u> or any title
Hardinge, Frances	<u>Well Witched</u> ; <u>Fly by Night</u>
Mull, Brandon	<u>Fablehaven</u> ; sequels
Nimmo, Jenny	<u>Midnight for Charlie Bone</u> ; sequels
Pearce, Philippa	<u>The Little Gentleman</u>
Pierce, Tamora	<u>Alanna</u> , or any of her series
Delaney, Joseph	<u>Revenge of the Witch: The Last Apprentice</u> ; sequels
Kessler, Liz	<u>Tail of Emily Windsnap</u>
Skye, Obert	<u>Leven Thumps and the Gateway to Foo</u>
Stewart, Trenton	<u>The Mysterious Benedict Society</u> ; sequels
Wilkinson, Carole	<u>Dragon Keeper</u> ; sequels

Suggested Nonfiction Titles (Read any nonfiction book, these are suggestions)

Science

- Albert Einstein: Scientist by Anne Marie Sullivan
- The Chimpanzees I Love: Saving Their World and Ours by Jane Goodall
- Darwin: British Naturalist by Diane Cook
- Detective Science: 40 Crime-Solving, Case-Breaking Activities for Kids by Jim Wiese

Digging for Bird Dinosaurs: An Expedition to Madagascar by Nic Bishop
Drought and People: The Science of Weather by Nikki Bunday
The Kid's Book of Weather Forecasting by Mark Breen
The Math Book for Girls and Other Beings that Count by Valerie Wyatt
Math Trek 2: A Mathematical Space Odyssey by Ivars Peterson
Origami Paper Airplanes by Didier Boursin
Raptor! A Kid's Guide to Birds of Prey by Chrystina Laubach
Stephen Biesty's Incredible Cross-Sections by Stephen Biesty

Social Studies

Africa is Not a Country by Margy Burns Knight
The Children of China: An Artist's Journey by Song Nan Zhang
Confucius: The Golden Rule by Russell Freedman
Discovering World Cultures: Homes; Music and Dance; Food
The Geography Bee Complete Preparation Handbook by Matthew Rosenberg
How I Celebrate: A Young Person's Guide to the Festivals of the World by Pam Robson
The Incredible Story of China's Buried Warriors by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent
The Silk Route: 7,000 Miles of History by John Major
What You Never Knew About Fingers, Forks, and Chopsticks by Patricia Lauber
52 Days by Camel: My Sahara Adventure by Lawrence Raskin
The World's Top Ten Rivers by Neil Morris

Reading for Literary Experience

Around the World in Eighty Poems by James Berry
The Book of Dragons by Michael Hague
But that's Another Story: Favorite Authors Introduce Popular Genres by Sandy Asher
The Dark Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural by Patricia McKissack
Growing Up Stories by Betsy Byars
Hour of Freedom: American History in Poetry by Milton Meltzer
Rolling in the Aisles: A Collection of Laugh-Out-Loud Poems by Bruce Lansky
Song of the Water Boatman: and Other Pond Poems by Joyce Sidman
Whisper and Shout: Poems to Memorize edited by Patrice Vecchione