

Dear Rising Sixth Grader,

It's time to think about summer reading! I hope you have lots of time to read books this summer. I want you to read books that you will enjoy, so I've included a lot of choices.

Here's your Required Summer Reading Assignment:

1. Please read *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin toward the end of the summer. When you have completed the book, **you must take a Reading Counts Quiz online by Friday, September 1, 2017**. You can access this through the Unity School webpage under Academics/Media Center.
<http://www.unityschool.com/Academics/MediaCenter.aspx>
2. When school begins in August, **be prepared to discuss this book**.

Here's your Free Choice Summer Reading Assignment:

1. **Choose and read 2 (two) books from the suggested reading list.**
2. **You must take a Reading Counts Quiz online on these two books by Friday, September 1, 2017.**
3. **You must write a 6-8 sentence review for each book.** Be sure to have a good topic sentence about whether you recommend the book or not, at least three details from the story to back up your opinion and a concluding sentence. These are due by Friday, **September 1, 2017**.

That's it. Enjoy your reading. Read as much as you can, and I will see you in August. If you have any problems or questions, please email me at bferguson@unityschool.com.

Have a safe, fun summer,
Mrs. Ferguson

**Unity School Summer Reading Program- 2017
Students Entering Grade 6**

Dear Parents and Students,

The following books are recommended for summer reading. Titles are chosen for their applicability to the curriculum, their recognition in journals, and in some cases, because of awards they have received. Students are encouraged to read as many books on the list as they choose; however, they must read one pre-chosen book for our book discussion in August as well as two other books of their choice from the list before the start of the school year. Students may NOT choose a book they have already read, either in class or for another book report. Enjoy reading and have a wonderful summer!

Please note these are suggested books based on published lists for middle school students and have not been reviewed for content. Parents need to use their own discretion when students are choosing books.

6th Grade Summer Reading List:

*Required: *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin. Please read this book toward the end of the summer, take a Reading Counts Quiz online, and be prepared to discuss it in August.

*Free Choices: Please read two of the following books, complete a Reading Counts Quiz online for each, and write a one paragraph review of each due in August.

A Corner of the Universe	Martin
*****A Dog Called Homeless	Lean, Sara
Absolutely Normal Chaos	Creech
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Twain
Adventures of Ulysses	Evslin, B.
After the First Death	Cormier, R.
Airborn	Oppel
Alien Secrets	Klause
Anastasia Krupnik	Lowry
Artemis Fowl	Colfer
Bad Beginning or any other in the series	Snicket
Back to the Divide	Kay
Beastly Arms	Jennings
Beggars' Ride	Nelson, T.
*****Better Nate Than Ever	Federle
Black Stallion	Farley
Blue Heron	Avi

Boggart and the Monster	Cooper
Book Without Words	Avi
Brian's Winter	Paulsen
Bridge to Terabithia	Paterson
Bub Not Buddy	Doornik
Call of the Wild	London, J.
Chinese Cinderella	Mah
Chocolate War	Cormier
Corner of the Universe, A	Martin
Crispin: The Criss of Lead	Avi
The Dangerous Days of Daniel X	Peterson
Daniel's Story	Matas
Double Identity	Haddix
***Dead End in Norvelt	Gantos
****Doll Bones	Black
Enna Burning	Hale
Eragon	Paolini
Esperanza Rising	Ryan
EverWorld; Land of Loss or Search for Senna	Applegate
Face On the Milk Carton or Voice on the Radio	Cooney, C.
Fallen Angels	Myers, W.
Family Apart	Nixon, J.
Far North	Hobbs
Feathers	Woodson
Firegirl	Abbott
*****Flora & Ulysses: Illuminated Adventures	DiCamillo
Goose Girl	Hale
Hattie Big Sky	Larson
Headless Cupid	Snydey
Heat	Lupica (or any novel by this author)
Heart of a Champion	Deuker
Hobbit	Tolkien
Hoops	Myers, W.D.
Hoot	Hiaasen
House of the Scorpion	Farmer
Hunger Game series:	Collins
The Hunger Games	
Catching Fire	
Mockingjay	
Ironman	Crutcher
Jump Ship to Freedom	Collier
Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery this author)	Feinstein (or any novel by
Let The Circle Be Unbroken	Taylor, M.
Life As We Knew It	Pfeffer

Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe	Lewis, C.S.
Lyddie	Paterson
Man Who was Poe	Avi
Maximum Ride Series:	
School's Out Forever	Patterson
Saving the World and other extreme Sports	Patterson
Miracles on Maple Hill	Sorensen
My Side of the Mountain	George
****Navigating Early	Vanderpool
Nighthoops	Deuker
Our Only May Amelia	Holm
Pig Man (or any other title by Zindel)	Zindel.
Redwall	Jacqus
Red-Tail Angels: The Story Of The Tuskegee Airmen of WWII	McKissack
River Secrets	Hale
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry	Taylor
****Sarafina	Hartman, R.
**Ship Breaker	Bacigalupi
So B. It	Weeks
Solitary Blue, A	Voight
Something for Joey	Peck
Squashed	Bauer
Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes	Crutcher
Sword in the Stone	White
Tangerine	Bloor
****Three Times Lucky	Turnage, S
True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	Avi
Twilight, New Moon, Eclipse,	Meyer
Up A Road Slowly	Hunt, I.
Wednesday Wars	Schmidt
What Janie Found	Cooney, C.
What Janie Saw	Cooney, C.
*When You Reach Me	Stead
Where The Red Fern Grows	Rawls, W.
Witch & Wizard	Patterson
Witch Of Blackbird Pond	Speare, E.
****Wonder Show	Barnaby, H.
Year Without Michael	Pfeffer

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- *2010 Newbery Award Winning Book
 - **2011 Award/Honor Book
 - ***2012 Award/Honor Book
 - ****2013 Award/Honor Book
 - *****2014 Award/Honor Book

