

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 Book**:

1. Please read this book toward the end of the summer as we will begin the year with a study of it:
  - *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
2. You do not have to complete any written work for the required book because when school begins in August, you need to **be prepared to discuss the required book and complete a project.**

Here's your Free Choice Summer Reading Assignment:

1. **Choose and read 2 (two) books from the suggested reading list attached.**
2. **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 3, 2021.**

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](mailto:bferguson@unityschool.com).

Have a safe, fun summer,  
Mrs. Ferguson

### Unity School Summer Reading Program- 2021 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 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! If you have any questions, please email me.

**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.**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading List:

\*Free Choices: Please read two of the following books 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
Anne of the Green Gables	L.M Montgomery
Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret	Blume, J.
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 Thief	Markus Zusak
Book Without Words	Avi
Brian's Winter	Paulsen
Bridge to Terabithia	Paterson
Bud Not Buddy	Doornik
Call of the Wild	London, J.
Chinese Cinderella	Mah
Chocolate War	Cormier
Crispin: The Cross 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
Ender's Game	Card, O.
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
***** Girl Who Drank the Moon	Barnhill, K.
Goose Girl	Hale
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen
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
Jacob Have I Loved	Paterson, K.
Jump Ship to Freedom	Collier
Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery	Feinstein (or any novel by this author)
Let The Circle Be Unbroken	Taylor, M.
Life As We Knew It	Pfeffer
Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan
Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe	Lewis, C.S.
Little Women	Alcott, L.
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
*****Piecing Me Together	Watson, R.

Pig Man (or any other title by Zindel)	Zindel.
Redwall	Jacqu
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.
Shadow Children Series	Haddix, M.
**Ship Breaker	Bacigalupi
Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants series	Brashares, A.
So B. It	Weeks
Solitary Blue, A	Voight
Something for Joey	Peck
Speak	Laurie Halse Anderson
Squashed	Bauer
Stargirl	Jerry Spinelli
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
Uglies (Trilogy)	Westerfield, S
Up A Road Slowly	Hunt, I.
Walk Two Moons	Creech, S.
*****War That Saved My Life	Bradley, K.
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	R.J. Palacio
****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

- \*\*\*\*\*2016 Award/Honor Book
- \*\*\*\*\*2017 Award/Honor Book
- \*\*\*\*\*2018 Award/Honor Book

## **REQUIRED MIDDLE SCHOOL BASIC SUPPLY LIST for 2021 -2022**

When possible, Unity School students are encouraged to buy earth-friendly supplies made from recycled and non-toxic materials. **Please save receipts in case items need to be returned.** Please replenish all required supplies as needed throughout the year. Thank you.

### **Required item** (see picture for samples)

- Carrying case/briefcase with handles - minimum 11" x 9" (see picture below)
- Ear buds labeled with name (used in all classes)
- At least 2 masks (two or three ply required)
- Travel size hand sanitizer
- **Class Subject Requirements:**
  - One sturdy folder with notebook paper for Language Arts (6th - 8th)
  - One three subject spiral notebook for Social Studies (6th - 8th) **AND** one 2" binder for Social Studies (6th - 8th)
  - One sturdy folder for Spanish (6th - 8th)
  - One 2" binder for Math (6th - 8th); two folders with pockets to go into the Math binder
  - Two pocket folders with prongs OR ¼ inch binder for Science (6th - 8th)

### **Sharing of items will not be allowed; students must have their own supplies.**

- Loose-leaf paper (replenished throughout the year)
- Graph paper (replenished throughout the year)
- At least three packages 3" x 5" index cards-
- **Several pencils** (mandatory for math) and **pens** (black or blue), **several red ink pens** (for all classes, please keep in a zipper pencil case, and replenish regularly)
- Several highlighters
- Colored pencils and markers (thick lined)
- One scientific calculator: acceptable calculators are shown below

### **Supplies needed for home:**

- File folders, accordion folder, or other system for storage of papers
- Extra loose-leaf paper & extra dividers
- Extra writing materials
- Additional supplies may be required

### **No book covers/socks needed**

## Calculator

Florida DOE-approved calculators for Sessions 2 and 3 on the FSA Grade 7 & 8 Mathematics and Session 2 on the FSA EOC Algebra 1, Geometry, & Algebra 2 exams.

TI-30Xa



Casio fx-260 solar



Casio fx-82 solar



Sharp EL-510R



Sharp EL-510RN



Carrying case examples

