

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.

Required Book Discussion Choices:

1. Please read **one (already chosen in May)** of the following books toward the end of the summer and be prepared to discuss it with your Book Group in August.

- a. *Fake* by Ele Fountain
- b. *Long Lost* by Jacqueline West
- c. *96 Miles* by J.L. Esplin
- d. *The Superteacher Project* by Gordon Korman
- e. *Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* by Carlos Hernandez

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, August 22, 2025.**

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 bkiernan@unityschool.com.

Have a safe, fun summer,
Mrs. Kiernan

Unity School Summer Reading Program- 2025 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.

6th Grade Summer Reading List:

*Free Choices: Please read two of the following books and write a one paragraph review of each due in August.

TITLE	AUTHOR	GENRE	PAGES
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain	Classics/Adventure	333
Amari and the Night Brothers	B B Alston	Fantasy/Science Fiction	432
And Then Boom!	Lisa Fipps	Novel in Verse/Realistic Fiction	256
Anne of Green Gables	L.M. Montgomery	Classics/Historical Fiction	221
Are You There, God? It's Me, Mom		Modern Classics/Realistic Fiction	192
Better Nate Than Ever	Tim Federle	Realistic Fiction	304
Black Stallion	Walter Farley	Modern Classics/Animal Fiction	
Book Thief	Avi	Historical Fiction	608

Bridge to Terabithia	Katherine Paterson	Realistic Fiction	144
Bud, Not Buddy	Christopher Paul	Modern	288
Bye Forever, I Guess	Curtis Jodi	Classics/Historical Fiction	288
Call of the Wild	Meadows	Realistic Fiction	136
	Jack London	Classics/Adventure	
City Spies Series	James Ponti	Mystery	400
Ender's Game	Orson Scott Card	Science Fiction	256

Esperanza Rising	Pam Munoz Ryan	Historical Fiction	262
Falling Short	Ernesto Cisneros	Sports Fiction	304
Fast Pitch	Nic Stone	Sports Fiction	208
Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures	Kate DiCamillo	Adventure	256
Football Genius Series	Tim Green	Sports Fiction	272
Front Desk	Kelly Yang	Realistic Fiction	320
Ghost	Jason Reynolds	Sports Fiction	208
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen	Adventure	192
Hoot	Carl Hiaasen	Animal Fiction	292
Impossible Creatures	Katherine Rundell	Fantasy	368
Jacob Have I Loved	Katherine Paterson	Realistic Fiction	256
Little Women	Louisa May Alcott	Realistic Fiction	320
Lockwood & Co Series	Jonathan Stroud	Scary	401
Max in the House of Spies: A Tale of World War II	Adam Gidwitz	Historical Fiction	336
Maximum Ride Series	James Patterson	Adventure	464
My Side of the Mountain	Jean Craighead		208
Popcorn	Rob Harrell	Humor	288

Redwall	Brian Jacques	Fantasy	352
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred D Taylor	Modern Classics/Historical Fiction	276
Rules	Cynthia Lord	Realistic Fiction	224
Scratch Scratch	Lindsay Currie	Scary	304
Skandar and Unicorn Thief	A F Steadman	Fantasy	480
Slugfest	Gordon Korman	Realistic Fiction	304
Stargirl	Jerry Spinelli	Realistic Fiction	208
Sword in the Stone	Terence Hanbury White	Classics/Fantasy	256
Take It From the Top	Claire Swinarski	Realistic Fiction	256
Tangerine	Edward Bloor	Sports Fiction	320
The Adventurers Guild	Zach Loran Clark and Nick Eliopoulos	Fantasy	352
The Bletchley Riddle	Ruta Sepetys and Steve Sheinkin	Historical Fiction	400
The Chronicles of Narnia Series	C S Lewis	Fantasy	221

The Crossover	Kwame Alexander	Sports Fiction	256
The First State of Being	Erin Estrada Kelly	Science Fiction	272
The Girl Who Drank the Moon	Kate Barnhill	Fantasy	400
The Hobbit	J R R Tolkien	Classics/Fantasy	320
The Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan	Fantasy	384
The Mysterious Benedict Society	Trenton Lee Stewart	Mystery	512
The War That Saved My Life	Kim Brubaker Bradley	Historical Fiction	352
The Westing Game	Ellen Raskin	Modern Classics/Mystery	192
Three Times Lucky	Sheila Turnage	Mystery	336
Uglies Series	Scott Westerfeld	Science Fiction	432

Unsinkable Cayenne	Jessica Vitalis	Novel in Verse/Realistic Fiction	304
Walk Two Moons	Sharon Creech	Realistic Fiction	288
What Happened to Rachel Riley?	Claire Swinarski	Mystery	352
Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls	Animal Fiction	304
Wink	Rob Harrell	Humor	336
Wonder	P J Palacio	Realistic Fiction	352