



6th Grade Summer Reading Book List and Assignment

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Title	Author	Summary
<i>A Year Down Yonder</i>	Peck, Richard	During the recession of 1937, Mary Alice is sent to live with her feisty, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois. Through their adventures, Mary Alice learns to love and understand this fearsome woman.
<i>Airborn</i>	Oppel, Kenneth	Matt, a young cabin boy aboard a blimp, and Kate, a wealthy young girl, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.
<i>American Born Chinese</i>	Yang, Gene Luen	What do a Monkey King, a Chinese-American immigrant, and an American student have in common? Find out in this funny, surprising graphic novel that discusses girlfriends, best friends, immigration, and life at school for American kids of all kinds.
<i>Baseball Great</i>	Green, Tim	All Josh wants to do is play baseball on his middle school team, but when his father, a minor league pitcher, signs him up for a youth championship team, Josh and his best friends find themselves embroiled in a situation with potentially illegal consequences.
<i>Dear America/My Name is America series</i>	Assorted	Exciting, diary-format stories of kids and teens living in other places and times. Stories include the life of a girl during the Revolutionary War, the life of a World War II soldier, and the life of a girl during the bombing of Pearl Harbor.
<i>The Graveyard Book</i>	Gaiman, Neil	After his family is mysteriously murdered, Bod, short for Nobody, is raised by ghosts and other creatures that live in a graveyard. He has a ton of adventures with his new family, while trying to avoid the murderer who's still after him!
<i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i> or any other <i>Harry Potter</i> book	Rowling, J.K.	When his parents are murdered, baby Harry, who miraculously survives, goes to live with his terrible aunt and uncle. After learning he's a wizard, Harry goes to a special boarding school for wizards and tries to defeat his parent's murderer with help from his new best friends.
<i>Jack Blank and the Imagine Nation</i> (hardcover) or <i>The Accidental Hero</i> (paperback)	Myklusch, Matt	Twelve-year-old Jack, freed from a dismal orphanage, makes his way to the elusive and impossible Imagine Nation, where a mentor saves him from dissection and trains him to use his superpower, despite the virus he carries that makes him a threat.
<i>Just Ella</i>	Haddix, Margaret Peterson	What happens after "happily ever after"? In this continuation of <i>Cinderella</i> , Ella finds that accepting Prince Charming's proposal ensnares her in a suffocating tangle of palace rules and royal etiquette, so she plots to escape.



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<i>Millions</i>	Boyce, Frank Cottrell	The Cunningham brothers literally have money drop in their laps when a bag of cash falls from the sky; however, the crooks who initially stole the loot are hot on the trail to retrieve it.
<i>The Misfits</i>	Howe, James	Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names.
<i>My Side of the Mountain</i>	George, Jean Craighead	Young Sam Gribbley leaves New York City and spends a year living by himself in a remote area of the Catskill Mountains.
<i>National Velvet</i>	Bagnold, Enid	In mid-twentieth-century England, fourteen-year-old Velvet Brown, determined to turn the unruly horse she wins in a raffle into a champion, learns that she needs more than hard work and dedication to achieve her goal of riding her horse in the Grand National steeplechase.
<i>Skellig</i>	Almond, David	Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel.
<i>The Bad Beginning</i> or any other <i>Lemony Snicket</i> book	Snicket, Lemony	After the mysterious death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must outsmart their evil relative Count Olaf, who's determined to use any means necessary to get their money...including murder!
<i>The Face on the Milk Carton</i>	Cooney, Caroline B.	A photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity.
<i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i> or any other <i>Narnia</i> book	Lewis, C.S.	After accidentally entering Narnia, a magical land, Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy become kings and queens and must help Aslan, the talking lion, defeat the evil White Witch who wants to destroy Narnia!
<i>The Wish</i>	Levine, Gail Carson	When granted her wish to be the most popular girl in school, Wilma, an eighth grader, forgets that she will graduate in three weeks and her popularity will vanish.
<i>Travel Team</i>	Lupica, Mike	After he is cut from his traveling basketball team--the very same team that his father once led to national prominence--twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.
<i>Waiting for Normal</i>	Connor, Leslie	Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.



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Writing Assignment: A written book review will be completed in your reading class within the first week of school on a date determined by your teacher. Your reading teacher will review the process with you. The NJASK rubric will be used to grade your writing assignment. You will need to print out and complete the graphic organizer labeled “GO grades 6-8” located on this web site. Bring the graphic organizer to class the first day of school, Wednesday, September 7, 2011.