



Summer Reading List Rising 6th Grade 2025-26 School Year



Experts agree that children who read during the summer months gain reading skills while those who do not often slide backwards (RIF). Students should read for at least 20 minutes each day.

Read at least 3 of the following books this summer (in addition to lots of self-selected reading) & use the accompanied reading log to track your reading. Please submit the reading log (signed by a parent) upon return to school.

Required Reading – Read the 2 following books:

A Long Way from Chicago

Richard Peck

The Running Dream

Wendelin Van Draanen

Choose at least 1 additional book from the following list:

Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir

Pedro Martin

The Mona Lisa Vanishes: A Legendary Painter, a Shocking Heist, and the Birth of a Global Celebrity

Nicholas Day

The Skin I'm In

Sharon Flake

Hurt Go Happy

Ginny Rorby

Found

Margaret Peterson Haddix

Crossing the Wire

Will Hobbs

Tirzah

Lucille Travis

Ground Zero

Alan Gratz

Two Degrees

Alan Gratz

The Night Diary

Veera Hiranandani

Prairie Lotus

Linda Sue Park

The Last Mapmaker

Christina Soontornvat