

Fairfield Public Schools Summer Reading 2009 -- Grade 6



Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to grade 6! Our summer reading list provides a list of popular authors as well as specific titles. **All students are expected to read at least two books during the summer.** In September, students will complete a Summer Reading project in their Language Arts Classes.

A limited supply of these authors and titles are available at Fairfield Public Library at 1080 Old Post Road, the Fairfield Woods Branch Library at 1147 Fairfield Woods Road, or the Pequot Library at 720 Pequot Avenue in Southport. Most are also available in local bookstores. If the titles or authors are unavailable, please ask public librarians or bookstore staff to help you select titles that appeal to sixth graders.

Sincerely,
Your Middle School Teachers and Librarians

Nutmeg Nominees for 2010 -- Grade 6	
Carlson, Drew	Attack of the Turtle
Gorman, Carol and Ron Findley	The Stumptown Kid
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Double Identity
Kehret, Peg	The Ghost's Grave
Lin, Grace	The Year of the Dog
Lombard, Jenny	Drita, My Homegirl
Lord, Cynthia	Rules
Martin, Ann M.	A Dog's Life: Autobiography of a Stray
Park, Linda Sue	Archer's Quest
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Paint the Wind

Favorite Authors Grades 6, 7, and 8	
Avi	Korman, Gordon
Colfer, Eoin	Murphy, Jim
Cooney, Caroline	Paterson, Katherine
Farmer, Nancy	Paulsen, Gary
Freedman, Russell	Peck, Richard
Gutman, Dan	Spinelli, Jerry
Horowitz, Anthony	Woodson, Jacqueline

Forever Favorites for Grades 6, 7, and 8			
Alcott	Little Women	London	Call of the Wild
Burnett	The Secret Garden	Norton	The Borrowers
Doyle	The Hound of the Baskervilles	Rawls	Where the Red Fern Grows
Henry	Misty of Chincoteague	Sewell	Black Beauty
Herriot	All Creatures Great and Small	Spere	The Witch of Blackbird Pond
L'Engle	A Wrinkle in Time	Stevenson	Treasure Island

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--**Almond, David.** **Skellig.** 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.

Balliett, Blue. **Chasing Vermeer.** Puzzles nest within puzzles revolving around the heist of a Vermeer painting. **The Wright 3.** A modern Chicago architectural landmark needs restoration, but the work can't be properly completed until a series of mysterious incidents are explained. Tales of ghosts, hidden treasures, and coded messages highlight this entertaining tale.

Blackwood, Gary. **The Shakespeare Stealer.** Widge, a young orphan indentured to a cold, unscrupulous master, has a special talent which his master is determined to use at any cost.

Bodett, Tom. **Williwaw.** A teenage girl and her brother take a risk when they go out into the Alaskan wilderness right before a major storm called a williwaw.

Codell, Esme. **Sahara Special.** Sahara Jones finds that her unique new teacher might be able to help her and her classmates cope with some of their school and family problems.

Cushman, Karen. **Catherine, Called Birdy.** Medieval England is the background for this story of a spirited girl narrated in diary form.

--**DiCamillo, Kate.** **Tale of Desperaux.** Desperaux the mouse has many adventures involving a princess, a servant girl, and an evil rat. **Because of Winn Dixie.** Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie. **Tiger Rising.** Rob, who passes the time in his rural Florida community by wood carving, is drawn by his spunky but angry friend Sistine into a plan to free a caged tiger.

Evans, Douglas. **MVP: Magellan Voyage Project.** Every kid's dream is to be named Most Valuable Player. But how many ever dream that the game is a race around the world (no flying allowed) in just 40 days? That's the challenge Adam Story faces in the Great Global Game. As the player for the *Magellan Voyage Project, he competes against 23 other players for a four-million-dollar prize!

Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Nory Ryan's Song.** When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive. **Maggie's Door.** In the mid-1800s, Nory and her neighbor and friend, Sean, set out separately on a dangerous journey from famine-plagued Ireland, hoping to reach a better life in America. **Water Street.** The saga continues with Nory's Daughter.

--**Howe, James.** **What Eric Knew.** Eric sends cryptic notes to Sebastian and David, who follow them to investigate a mysterious death.

Lerangis, Peter. **Antarctica.** In 1911, a crew of explorers set sail for Antarctica. The voyage is hard, and tensions between the crewmembers are severe. But before they make it to the South Pole, they must retreat for their lives, and begin a perilous journey back to civilization.

Sleator, William. **The Boxes.** When she opens two strange boxes left in her care by her mysterious uncle, fifteen-year-old Annie discovers a swarm of telepathic creatures and unleashes a power capable of slowing down time.

VanDraanen, Wendolyn. **The Sammy Keyes Mysteries.** In this series, thirteen-year-old Sammy Keyes uses her detective skills to solve mysteries in the neighborhood where she lives with her grandmother.

--Easier Reading