

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading List 2022

**Students are required to read 2 (two) books that he/she has not read or tested on previously.**

***Hard Times for Jake Smith*** by Aileen Kilgore Henderson

MaryJake is abandoned by her financially strapped parents and told to walk to the house of unknown relatives. She dresses like a boy and joins the household of an old widow before discovering secrets about her own family.

Interest level: MG    Book level: 5.2    43,765 words/192 pages

***The Peculiar Incident on Shady Street*** by Lindsay Currie

When lights start flickering and temperatures suddenly drop, twelve-year-old Tessa Woodward, sensing her new house may be haunted, recruits some new friends to help her unravel the mystery of who or what is trying to communicate with her and why.

Interest level: MG    Book level: 4.4    56,486 words/295 pages

***Redwall*** by Brian Jacques

The peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes. Matthias determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help destroy the enemy.

Interest level: MG    Book level: 5.6    101,289 words /351 pages

***Bud, Not Buddy*** by Christopher Paul Curtis

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

Interest level: MG    Book level: 5.0    52,179 words/245 pages

***Scat*** by Carl Hiaasen

Nick and his friend Marta decide to investigate when a mysterious fire starts near a Florida wildlife preserve and an unpopular teacher goes missing.

Interest level: MG    Book level: 5.5    79,109 words/371 pages

***When You Reach Me*** by Rebecca Stead

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s TV show THE \$20,000 PYRAMID, a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.

Interest level: MG    Book level: 4.5    39,253 words/199 pages

***Savvy*** by Ingrid Law

Mibs Beaumont's thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy," a magical power unique to each member of her family, just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.

Interest level: MG    Book level: 6.0    57,148 words /342 pages

***Yellow Star*** by Jennifer Roy

From 1939, when Sylvia is four and a half years old, to 1945 when she has just turned ten, a Jewish girl and her family struggle to survive in Poland's Lodz ghetto during the Nazi occupation.

Interest level: MG    Book level: 4.3    23,750 words/227 pages



***Incredible Journey*** by Shelia Burnford

Instinct told them that the way home lay to the west. And so the doughty young Labrador retriever, the roguish bull terrier and the indomitable Siamese set out through the Canadian wilderness. Separately, they would soon have died. But, together, the three house pets faced starvation, exposure, and wild forest animals to make their way home to the family they love.

Interest level: MG    Book level: 7.6    30851 words/160 pages

***Wild Life*** by Cynthia DeFelice

Being sent to stay with grandparents he hardly knows is hard enough for twelve-year-old Eric, whose parents are deployed to Iraq, but his grandfather's hostility and the threat of losing the dog he rescues causes Eric to run away.

Interest level: MG    Book level: 5.5    33,890 words/177 pages

***Planet Tad*** by Tim Carvell

Twelve-year-old Tad has a plan to make seventh grade his most awesome year, but he must overcome a devious little sister, an embarrassing summer job, a science fair project gone awry, and other obstacles.

Interest level: MG    Book level: 5.4    30,521 words/239 pages

***Among the Hidden*** by Margaret Peterson Haddix

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

Interest level: MG    Book level: 4.8    32,127 words/160 pages

***Letters from Wolfie*** by Patti Sherlock

Thirteen-year-old Mark donates his dog, Wolfie, to the Army's scout program in Vietnam.

Interest level: MG    Book level: 4.6    56,352 words/228 pages

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***All Season Edie*** by Annabel Lyon

Edie Snow has always known her family is not normal, but when tragedy strikes, she learns that there is no such thing as normal, and as long as they love one another, they can get through anything.

Interest level: MG    Book level: 5.2    39683 words/179 pages