

Phillips Preparatory School

Mobile, Alabama

6th Grade Reading List: Summer 2023

Prospective PPS 6th Graders are expected to read over the summer in preparation for the new school year. Below you will find information about various books for you to read during your summer time. You are required to choose **one (1)** of the following books to read. When you join us at Phillips Preparatory in the fall, you will conduct a summer reading project on the book of your choosing. It is **required** to read one of the following books at full completion to prepare for your summer reading project. You may **NOT** use a book that you have previously read.

Reading List:

[RR] - Recommended for Reluctant Readers

1. **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling**

Orphaned as a baby, Harry Potter has spent 11 awful years living with his mean aunt, uncle, and cousin. But everything changes for Harry when an owl delivers a mysterious letter inviting him to attend a school for wizards. At this special school, Harry finds friends, fun, and magic in everything from classes to meals, as well as a great destiny that's been waiting for him...if Harry can survive the encounter.

2. **Wonder by R.J. Palacio**

August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. **WONDER**, now a #1 New York Times bestseller, begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance.

3. **Alabama Moon by Watt Key**

For as long as ten-year-old Moon can remember, he has lived out in the forest in the shelter with his father. They keep to themselves, their only contact with other human beings is an occasional trip to the nearest general store. When Moon's father dies, Moon follows his father's last instructions: to travel to Alaska to find others like themselves. But Moon is soon caught and entangled in a world he doesn't know or understand, apparent property of the government he has been avoiding all his life.

4. **Summer School! What Genius Thought That Up? by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver [RR]**

Summer school are two words in the English language that Hank Zipzer doesn't want to learn. But there's no getting out of this one for Hank—summer school, here he comes! Will Hank have to spend the summer bored to death inside a sweltering classroom, or will he actually learn a cool lesson or two?

5. **Ground Zero by Alan Gatz**

September 11, 2001, New York City: Brandon is visiting his dad at work, on the 107th floor of the World Trade Center. Out of nowhere, an airplane slams into the tower, creating a fiery nightmare of terror and confusion. And Brandon is in the middle of it all. Can he survive -- and escape?

September 11, 2001, Afghanistan: Reshmina has grown up in the shadow of war, but she dreams of peace and progress. When a battle erupts in her village, Reshmina stumbles upon a wounded American soldier named Taz. Should she help Taz -- and put herself and her family in mortal danger?

Two kids. One devastating day. Nothing will ever be the same.

Happy Reading!