

# Summer Reading | 6th Grade

2023 - 2024

Required Texts  
1 & 2 (pick two  
from the attached  
list)

## ASSIGNMENTS

Students will be required to complete an assignment for each novel that will be for a grade.

\*This assignment will be collected for a grade the 2nd Friday when we return to school.

\* Directions for summer reading assignments will be posted to each teacher's page.

How to  
Access  
Assignments

\* Go to [dentonmagnet.com](http://dentonmagnet.com). Click on the SCHOOL INFO tab. Select STAFF from the dropdown menu.

\* On the staff page, select the teacher for the appropriate grade level.

CAN'T GET TO THE  
LIBRARY OR BOOKSTORE?

Digital copies of books are available for free on the Cloud Library app with your library card number.

## More Information

Some of these novels contain mature content.

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\* If you have questions, contact the teacher for your student's grade level.

# Denton Magnet School 6th Grade Summer Reading Novel Choice List 2023 - 2024

Students are required to read **two books** over the summer and complete the required assignments. **Student should select novels from the list below.** He or she needs to choose novels that he or she has not read or tested on previously. They must complete the assignments for **each** novel. Assignments will be turned in within the first two weeks of school.

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## Novel List

Choose **two** novels to read from the list below that you have not read or tested on previously.

*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                      Word Count: 39,683                      Page Count: 179

*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                      Word Count: 32,127                      Page Count: 160

*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                      Word Count: 52,179                      Page Count: 245

*Hard Times for Jake Smith* by Aileen Kilgore Henderson

Mary Jake 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                      Word Count: 43,765                      Page Count: 192

*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                      Word Count: 30851                      Page Count: 160

*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                      Word Count: 56,352                      Page Count: 228

\* This book selection is located as an e-book on Big Universe @ <https://www.biguniverse.com/signinStudent> login is the same username and login to get on a MCPSS school computer.

*Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.

Interest Level: MG                      Book Level: 4.7                      Word Count: 35,427                      Page Count: 184

*No More Dead Dogs* by Gordon Korman

Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play. He becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.

Interest Level: MG                      Book Level: 4.5                      Word Count: 37,355                      Page Count: 188

*The One and Only Ivan* by K.A. Applegate

When Ivan, a gorilla that has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides he must find her a better life.

Interest Level: MG                      Book Level: 3.6                      Word Count: 26,263                      Page Count: 305

*One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia

In 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland to spend a month with the mother they barely know, 11-year-old Delphine and her sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover their mother wants them to attend a Black Panther summer camp. Book No. 1 in a series.

Interest Level: MG                      Book Level: 4.6                      Word Count: 45,483                      Page Count: 218

*Pictures of Hollis Woods* by Patricia Reilly Giff

A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.

Interest Level: MG                      Book Level: 4.4                      Word Count: 31,319                      Page Count: 166

*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                      Word Count: 30,521                      Page Count: 239

*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                      Word Count: 101,289                      Page Count: 351

*Sawvy* by Ingrid Law

Milbs Beaumont's thirteenth birthday has revealed her "sawvy," 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                      Word Count: 57,148                      Page Count: 342

*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                      Word Count: 79,109                      Page Count: 371

*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                      Word Count: 39,253                      Page Count: 199

*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls

Billy Coleman works and saves to buy two red-bone hunting hounds while his grandfather provides him with support and lessons in growing up.

Interest Level: MG                      Book Level: 4.9                      Word Count: 75,528                      Page Count: 259

*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                      Word Count: 33,890                      Page Count: 177

*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                      Word Count: 23,750                      Page Count: 227