

Rising 6th-Grade Summer Reading

*“There is no such thing as a child who hates to read;
there are only children who have not found the right book.”*

– Frank Serafini

You are on your honor not to select books that you have previously read independently or studied in any class.

World Geography. Please select at least **one** of these books to enhance your geography studies in sixth grade.

- The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis
- When Stars Are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed
- Wanting Mor* by Rukhsana Khan

Historical Fiction. Select at least one book based on world history.

- Anastasia: The Last Grand Duchess, Russia, 1914* by Carolyn Meyer
- Nzingha: Warrior Queen of Matamba, Angola, Africa, 1595* by Patricia McKissack
- Kaiulani: The People's Princess, Hawaii, 1889* by Ellen Emerson White
- Lady of Ch'iao Kuo: Warrior of the South, Southern China, 531 A.D.* by Laurence Yep
- Mary, Queen of Scots: Queen Without a Country, France, 1553* by Kathryn Lasky
- Söndök: Princess of the Moon and Stars, Korea, 595 A.D.* by Sheri Holman
- Jahanara: Princess of Princesses, India, 1627* by Kathryn Lasky
- Eleanor: Crown Jewel of Aquitaine, France, 1136* by Kristiana Gregory
- Elisabeth: The Princess Bride, Austria-Hungary, 1853* by Barry Denenberg
- Kristina: The Girl King, Sweden, 1638* by Carolyn Meyer
- Weetamoo: Heart of the Pocassetts, Massachusetts-Rhode Island, 1653* by Patricia Clark Smith
- Lady of Palenque: Flower of Bacal, Mesoamerica, A.D. 749* by Anna Kirwan
- Kazunomiya: Prisoner of Heaven, Japan, 1858* by Kathryn Lasky
- Anacaona: Golden Flower, Haiti, 1490* by Edwidge Danticat
- Catherine: The Great Journey, Russia, 1743* by Kristiana Gregory

Free Choice! You may choose any work of fiction or nonfiction of your own choice. If you're having trouble making a choice, here are some suggestions:

- Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Balliett
- The Dark is Rising* by Susan Cooper (series)
- Summerlost* by Ally Condie
- Kid Fit for Fun* by Erin Crain
- What's the Point of Math?* by DK (Dorling Kindersley Publishing)
- One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance* by Nikki Grimes
- The Shadow Children* by Margaret Peterson Haddix (series)
- My Faith* by Kurt Johnston (series)
- Amina's Voice* by Hena Kahn (series)
- Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* by Kwame Mbalia (series)
- What If? Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions* by Randall Munroe
- Olympians* by George O'Connor (series)
- Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
- The Dreamer* by Pam Muñoz Ryan
- Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* by Carlos Hernandez (series)
- The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare
- When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead
- Clean Getaway* by Nic Stone
- Astrophysics for Young People in a Hurry* by Neil deGrasse Tyson
- Creative Coding in Python: 30+ Programming Projects in Art, Games, and More* by Sheena Vaidyanathan