



Entering Sixth Grade Summer Reading

Suggested Book Title	Author	Sneak Preview
Required Reading:		
Because of Mr. Terupt	Rob Buyea Fiction	It's the start of fifth grade for seven kids at Snow Hill School. There's Jessica , the new girl, smart and perceptive, who's having a hard time fitting in; Alexia , a bully, your friend one second, your enemy the next; Peter , class prankster and troublemaker; Luke , the brain; Danielle , who never stands up for herself; shy Anna , whose home situation makes her an outcast; and Jeffrey , who hates school. Only Mr. Terupt, their new and energetic teacher, seems to know how to deal with them all. He makes the classroom a fun place, even if he doesn't let them get away with much until the snowy winter day when an accident changes everything—and everyone.
Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart	Candace Fleming Nonfiction	This book portrays the details of the aviator's life along with a vivid account of her disappearance and the searches to find her. Fleming separates myth from reality through her extensive research.
Attack of the Turtle	Drew Carlson Fiction	It's 1776, and the Revolutionary War is raging. Fourteen-year-old Nathan Wade is a patriot, but he's too young to join the fight. Then his cousin David Bushnell comes to town with a secret. Based on actual historical events, this adventure story captures the drama of the first submarine used in naval warfare and the struggles of a teenager overcoming self-doubt.
Because of Ayna	Margaret Peterson Haddix Fiction	When a disease causes Anya's hair to fall out, she is afraid everyone will notice she is wearing a wig. When the wig falls off in gym class, she refused to come back to school.
Chasing Secrets	Gennifer Choldenko Fiction	San Francisco, 1900. The Gilded Age. A fantastic time to be alive for lots of people but not thirteen-year-old Lizzie Kennedy, stuck at Miss Barstow's snobby school for girls. Lizzie's secret passion is science, an unsuitable subject for finishing-school girls. Lizzie lives to go on house calls with her physician father. On those visits to his patients, she discovers a hidden dark side of the city—a side that's full of secrets, rats, and rumors of the plague. Reading Olympic Book 2017
Chasing Vermeer	Blue Balliett Fiction	When a book of unexplainable occurrences brings Petra Andalee and Calder Pillay together, strange things start to happen: seemingly unrelated events connect, an eccentric old woman seeks their company, and an invaluable Vermeer painting disappears. Can they decipher a crime that has left even the FBI baffled?
Cool Stuff and How It Works	John Woodcock and Chris Woodford Nonfiction	Curious how it works? Want to see the inside story? Great photographs and illustrations lets you see how kid's shoes can grow.
Cursed Grounds	Stephen L. Stern Nonfiction	Discover what makes some places scary and doomed like the Chicago Cubs' Wrigley Field, a haunted highway in Utah, or the Potomac River in Washington, DC
Day It Rained Forever, The	Virginia Cross Fiction	When a cheaply constructed dam above Johnstown bursts under the onslaught of torrential rains, Christina and her family struggle to escape the floodwater which bears down upon their town. Reading Olympic Book 2017
Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series	Jeff Kinney Fiction	Follow along in the adventures and life of Greg, a middle school age boy.

Esperanza Rising	Pam Munoz Ryan Fiction	A sudden tragedy shatters Esperanza's world and forces her and her Mamma to flee to California, where they settle in a camp for Mexican migrant workers.
Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures	Kate Dicomillo Fiction	It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident that has unexpected consequences. The squirrel never saw the vacuum cleaner coming, but self-described cynic Flora Belle Buckman, who has read every issue of the comic book <i>Terrible Things Can Happen to You!</i> , is the just the right person to step in and save him. What neither can predict is that Ulysses (the squirrel) has been born anew
The Skirt	Gary Soto	Miata Ramirez has a problem that will strike a chord with many children: she forgets things. This particular Friday afternoon, she has left her folklórico skirt on the school bus, and she is supposed to dance in it on Sunday. She sees no alternative but to break into the bus and retrieve it. So, dragging along her shy friend, Ana, that is exactly what she does.
Flush	Carl Hiaasen Fiction	When Noah's dad goes to jail for sinking a polluting casino boat, it is up to Noah and his sister to save the day, and the environment.
Football Genius	Tim Green Fiction	Twelve-year-old Troy White's natural athleticism and his unnatural talent for predicting football plays are going to waste as he is stuck playing second-string on his team.
From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	E.L. Konigsburg Fiction	Twelve year old Claudia and her younger brother Jamie have picked the museum as their new home. They stumble upon a mystery surrounding an unknown statue.
Guts: The True Story Behind Hatchet and Brian Books	Gary Paulson Nonfiction	The author relates incidents in his life and how they inspired parts of his books about the character, Brian Robeson.
Heartbeat	Sharon Creech Fiction	In this novel told through a series of poems, Annie begins to experience changes: the birth of her baby brother, her friend Max's decision to join the track team, and her grandfather's memory loss. How will she understand these changes, and how will she react?
Confetti Girl	Diana López	Apolonia "Lina" Flores is a sock enthusiast, a volleyball player, a science lover, and a girl who's just looking for answers. Even though her house is crammed full of books, she's having trouble figuring out some very big questions, like why her dad seems to care about books more than her, why her best friend's divorced mom is obsessed with making cascarones (hollowed eggshells filled with colorful confetti), and, most of all, why her mom died last year.
Hidden Talents	David Lubar Fiction	In this novel, Martin Anderson arrives at Edgeview Alternative School where he has been sent because he has been thrown out of multiple schools in his home district. Martin immediately makes friends with a group of misfits, each of whom has had discipline problems for reasons they do not fully understand. Martin soon realizes that each of his friends has a special talent that they are unaware of. With Martin's help, each student will learn how to control his talent.
Invention of Hugo Cabret	Brian Selznick Fiction	ORPHAN, CLOCK KEEPER, AND THIEF, Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. But when his world suddenly interlocks with an eccentric, bookish girl and a bitter old man who runs a toy booth in the station, Hugo's undercover life, and his most precious secret, are put in jeopardy. A cryptic drawing, a treasured notebook, a stolen key, a mechanical man, and a hidden message from Hugo's dead father form the backbone of this intricate, tender, and spellbinding mystery. Reading Olympic Book 2017
Joey Pigza Loses Control or any book in the series	Jack Gantos Fiction	Joey has a problem; he is always in trouble! Now he and the adults who care about him have to decide what to do.

Just as Long as We're Together	Judy Blume Fiction	Rachel is Stephanie's best friend. Since second grade, they've shared secrets, good and bad. Now in seventh grade, Alison moves into the neighborhood. Stephanie hopes all three of them can be best friends, because Stephanie really likes Alison. But it looks as if it's going to be a case of two's company and three's a crowd. Can the girls' friendship be saved?
Yes! We Are Latinos	Alma Flor Ada F. Isabel Campoy	Juanita lives in New York and is Mexican. Felipe lives in Chicago and is Panamanian, Venezuelan, and black. Michiko lives in Los Angeles and is Peruvian and Japanese. Each of them is also Latino. Thirteen young Latinos and Latinas living in America are introduced in this book celebrating the rich diversity of the Latino and Latina experience in the United States through free-verse fictional narratives.
Last Shot/ A Final Four Mystery	John Feinstein Fiction	When Stevie wins a writing contest for aspiring sports journalists, his prize is a press pass to the Final Four in New Orleans. While exploring the Superdome, he overhears a plot to throw the championship game. With the help of fellow contest winner Susan Carol, Stevie has just 48 hours to figure out who is blackmailing one of the star players . . . and why.
My Life As a Book	Janet Tashjian	Summer's finally here, and Derek Fallon is looking forward to petting the UPS truck with water balloons, climbing onto the garage roof, and conducting silly investigations. But when his parents decide to send him to Learning Camp, Derek's dreams of fun come to an end. Ever since he's been labeled a "reluctant reader," his mom has pushed him to read "real" books — something other than his beloved Calvin & Hobbes. As Derek forges unexpected friendships and uncovers a family secret involving himself (in diapers, no less!), he realizes that adventures and surprises are around the corner, complete with curve balls. Reading Olympic Book 2017
Neighborhood Odes	Gary Soto Nonfiction	These poems about life in a Mexican-American neighborhood will strike a chord in everyone—young and old, rich and poor, rural and urban.
Pax	Sara Pennypacker Fiction	Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But one day, the unimaginable happens: Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild. At his grandfather's house, three hundred miles away from home, Peter knows he isn't where he should be with Pax. He strikes out on his own despite the encroaching war, spurred by love, loyalty, and grief, to be reunited with his fox. Reading Olympic Book 2017
Next to Mexico	Jennifer Nails	"Lylice has skipped a year and is new to Susan B. Anthony Middle School in her hometown of Tucson. Worried about making friends, the sixth grader becomes the English Buddy to Mexico, a student from Nogales who lives with her aunt and is a talented artist... When Mexico is hospitalized because her aunt is about to be unemployed and can't afford her niece's insulin, the girls finagle a job interview for her by forging a letter on stolen school stationery. Then, because of a boy on whom she has a crush, Lylice hurts her friend's feelings.
Quarterback Season	Fred Bowen Fiction	Football is the hook! This is a story about middle-grade Matt playing on a football team. The story integrates the trials of playing a sport through a boys' journal and e-mail messages.
Ruby Holler	Sharon Creech Fiction	Dallas and Florida have been dubbed the "trouble twins." They have been shuffled between foster families and orphanages all their lives, longing only for a loving place to call home, though mistrustful that one exists for the likes of them.

Savvy	Ingrid Law Fiction	For generations, the Beaumont family has harbored a magical secret. They each possess a "savvy" - a special supernatural power that strikes when they turn thirteen. Grandpa Bomba moves mountains, her older brothers create hurricanes and spark electricity . . . and now it's the eve of Mibs's big day.
Thank You Jackie Robinson	Barbara Cohen Fiction	A fatherless boy shares an enthusiasm for the Dodgers and first baseman Jackie Robinson with an old man.
The Great Serum Race : Blazing the Iditarod Trail	Debbie S. Miller Nonfiction	In the winter of 1925, Nome, Alaska, was hit by an unexpected and deadly outbreak of diphtheria. Officials immediately quarantined the town, but the only cure for the community of more than 1,400 people was antitoxin serum and the nearest supply was in Anchorage—hundreds of miles of snowbound wilderness away. The only way to get it to Nome was by dogsled.
The Jacket	Andrew Clements Fiction	When Phil accuses Daniel of stealing his brother's jacket, both of them wind up in the principal's office. How will Phil react when he finds out how Daniel came to be the owner of this unique jacket? Will Daniel be able to forgive Phil for an accusation that was based on racial prejudice? What will the boys learn about each other and themselves?
The Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan Fiction	Classic Greek mythology is mixed with modern adventure in this brand-new, action-packed series. Twelve-year-old Percy is always in trouble, and it doesn't help that he's started seeing monsters everywhere! Things become clearer when Percy discovers he is the son of Poseidon, God of the Sea. Percy is sent to a summer camp on Long Island, but trouble starts all over again when Percy is sent on a quest to prevent war on Mount Olympus.
The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg	Rodman Philbrick Fiction	Master storyteller Rodman Philbrick takes readers on a colorful journey as young Homer Figg sets off to follow his brother into the thick of the Civil War. Through a series of fascinating events, Homer's older brother has been illegally sold to the Union Army. It is up to Homer to find him and save him.
Through My Eyes	Ruby Bridges Nonfiction	On November 14, 1960, a tiny, six-year-old black child, surrounded by federal marshals, walked through a mob of screaming segregationists and into her school. From where she sat in the school's office, Ruby Bridges could see parents marching through the halls and taking their children out of classrooms. The next day, Ruby courageously walked through the angry mob once again and into a school where, this time, she saw no other students. The white children did not go to school that day, and they wouldn't go to school for many days to come. Surrounded by racial turmoil, Ruby, the only student in a classroom headed by one wonderful teacher, learned to read and add.
Who was Ben Franklin?	Dennis B. Fradin Nonfiction	Reading Olympic Book 2017 Ben Franklin was the scientist who, with the help of a kite, discovered that lightning is electricity. He was also a statesman, an inventor, a printer, and an author—a man of such amazingly varied talents that some people claimed he had magical powers! Full of all the details kids will want to know, the true story of Benjamin Franklin is by turns sad and funny, but always honest and awe-inspiring.
Wild Girl	Patricia Reilly Giff Fiction	Lidie lives in Jales, Brazil, where she's free to ride, to be a wild girl, and to dream of going to live with her father and older brother, Rafael, in New York City. Finally Lidie is 12—time to leave Brazil for New York. Meanwhile, a filly is born and begins her journey to a new home. As Lidie's story unfolds, so does the filly's.
Women Who Broke the Rules: Sonia Sotomayor	Kathleen Krull Nonfiction Biography	Sonia Sotomayor's path, from growing up in the projects to success in Ivy League universities to her rise in the legal profession is a true testament to the American dream. She broke the rules women were supposed to follow in her life and career, ultimately becoming the first Latino justice to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, and the third woman to serve the Court. Her determined spirit and achievements make her a role model and an inspiration.

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<p>Wringer</p>	<p>Norristown Hometown Author Jerry Spinelli Fiction</p>	<p>For as long as Palmer LaRue can remember, he has dreaded the day he will turn ten and must take his place beside the other ten-year-old boys in town and become a wringer, a tradition passed down from father to son.</p>
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