

Grades 5- 6 Summer Reading



Reading is very important over the summer. Students need to stay engaged with reading and learning, so they do not suffer the “Summer Slide”, (the loss of skills). Reading during July and August will help your child practice skills and grow as a learner. Not only will they experience faraway places, learn a fun fact about an animal or help solve a mystery, they will also learn new vocabulary, reinforce their grammar and writing skills.

Each student is to read the required book and complete a one page typed summary of the story. This will count as your first quiz grade for Reading.

Required Reading:

Grade 5 - *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt

Grade 6 - *A Long Walk To Water* by Linda Sue Park.

Summer Reading Challenge: See how many activities you can complete on the challenge bingo sheet.

Return your summer reading summary and challenge to your teacher by September 10, 2020.

Happy Reading

Summer Reading Challenge

Choose a new challenge each week this summer!

Read a book that won an award the year you were born	Read a book about someone who is different than you	Read a book on the second shelf in the library	Read a book that teaches you about an event in history	Read a book about a real person
Read a book that can't be real	Read a book that teaches you about robots	Read a book in the 500-599 section of the library	Read a book about coding	Read a book of poems
Read a newly published book	Read a book that teaches me about a place	Your choice!	Read a book whose author's last name begins with the same letter as your last name	Read a book about science fiction
Read a biography	Read a mystery	Read a book about art	Read a book about friendship	Read a book that was made into a movie
Read a book that teaches me about an animal	Read a book about a musician	Read a graphic novel	Read a book by your favorite author	Read a book about an inventor

Suggested Reading for Grades 5 & 6

Fiction

Inside Out and Back Again by **Thanhha Lai** Inside Out and Back Again is a #1 New York Times bestseller, a Newbery Honor Book, and a winner of the National Book Award! Inspired by the author's childhood experience as a refugee—fleeing Vietnam after the Fall of Saigon and immigrating to Alabama—this coming-of-age debut novel told in verse has been celebrated for its touching child's-eye view of family and immigration. Grades 3-7

The Hunger Games Trilogy by **Suzanne Collins**

Gone by **Michael Grant** In the blink of an eye, everyone disappears. Gone. Except for the young. There are teens, but not one single adult. Just as suddenly, there are no phones, no internet, no television. No way to get help. And no way to figure out what's happened. Hunger threatens. Bullies rule. A sinister creature lurks. Animals are mutating. And the teens themselves are changing, developing new talents

The Mostly True Story of Jack by **Kelly Barnhill** *The Mostly True Story of Jack* is a stunning debut novel about things broken, things put back together, and finding a place to belong. Grades 3-7

Flygirl by **Sherri Smith** All Ida Mae Jones wants to do is fly. Her daddy was a pilot, and years after his death she feels closest to him when she's in the air. But as a young black woman in 1940s Louisiana, she knows the sky is off limits to her, until America enters World War II, and the Army forms the WASP—Women Airforce Service Pilots. Ida has a chance to fulfill her dream if she's willing to use her light skin to pass as a white girl. She wants to fly more than anything, but Ida soon learns that denying one's self and family is a heavy burden, and ultimately it's not what you do but who you are that's most important. Grades 7-9

Ninth Ward by **Jewell Parker Rhodes** Twelve-year-old Lanesha lives in a tight-knit community in New Orleans' Ninth Ward. She doesn't have a fancy house like her uptown family or lots of friends like the other kids on her street. But what she does have is Mama Ya-Ya, her fiercely loving caretaker, wise in the ways of the world and able to predict the future. So when Mama Ya-Ya's visions show a powerful hurricane--Katrina--fast approaching, it's up to Lanesha to call upon the hope and strength Mama Ya-Ya has given her to help them both survive the storm. Grades 5+

Ghost Boys by **Jewell Parker Rhodes** Twelve-year-old Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. As a ghost, he observes the devastation that's been unleashed on his family and community in the wake of what they see as an unjust and brutal killing. Grades 5+

Amal Unbound by **Aisha Saeed** Life is quiet and ordinary in Amal's Pakistani village, but she had no complaints, and besides, she's busy pursuing her dream of becoming a teacher one day. Her dreams are temporarily dashed when--as the eldest daughter--she must stay home from school to take care of her siblings. Grades 5-6

Refugee by **Alan Gratz** JOSEF is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world . . . ISABEL is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America . . . MAHMOUD is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe . . . All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of

refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of *tomorrow*. Grades 4-7

Money Hungry by **Susan Flake** Thirteen-year-old Raspberry Hill is starved for money. She will do just about anything legal to get her hands on the almighty dollar--wash cars, sell rotten candy, skip lunch, clean houses. She is obsessed. She is driven. She is afraid. Memories of being homeless, sleeping in the streets, and eating handouts keep Raspberry's eye on the only prize that matters to her: cold, hard cash. Grades 5-9

Nightingale by **Kate Di Camillo** Raymie Clarke has come to realize that everything, absolutely everything, depends on her. And she has a plan. If Raymie can win the Little Miss Central Florida Tire competition, then her father, who left town two days ago with a dental hygienist, will see Raymie's picture in the paper and (maybe) come home. Grades 5-6

Tuck Everlasting by **Natalie Babbitt** Is eternal life a blessing or a curse? That is what young Winnie Foster must decide when she discovers a spring on her family's property whose waters grant immortality. Members of the Tuck family, having drunk from the spring, tell Winnie of their experiences watching life go by and never growing older. Grades 5-8

Full Cicada Moon by **Marilyn Hilton** It's 1969, and the Apollo 11 mission is getting ready to go to the moon. But for half-black, half-Japanese Mimi, moving to a predominantly white Vermont town is enough to make her feel alien. Suddenly, Mimi's appearance is all anyone notices. She struggles to fit in with her classmates, even as she fights for her right to stand out by entering science competitions and joining Shop Class instead of Home Ec. And even though teachers and neighbors balk at her mixed-race family and her refusals to conform, Mimi's dreams of becoming an astronaut never fade—no matter how many times she's told no. DRA 60

Biographies

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by **William Kamkwamba** When fourteen-year-old William Kamkwamba's Malawi village was hit by a drought, everyone's crops began to fail. Without enough money for food, let alone school, William spent his days in the library . . . and figured out how to bring electricity to his village. Grades 6-10

Breakthrough: How One Teen Innovator Is Changing the World by **Jack Andraka** For the first time, teen innovator and scientist Jack Andraka tells the story behind his revolutionary discovery. When a dear family friend passed away from pancreatic cancer, Jack was inspired to create a better method of early detection. Grades 5-8

Forty Acres, Maybe a Mule by **Harriette Gillem Robinet** Green Gloryland is the most wonderful place on earth, their own family farm with a healthy cotton crop and plenty to eat. But the notorious night riders have plans to take it away, threatening to tear the beautiful freedom that the two boys are enjoying for the first time in their young lives. Grades 3-7

Poetry

Poetry for Young People Emily Dickinson by Francis Schoonmaker Bolin Grades 3-6

Animal Poems by **Simona Mulazzani** Grades 4-6

Poetry for Young People Carl Sandburg by Carl Sandburg Grades 5-7

Edger Allan Poe by Carolynn Cobleigh & Edgar Allan Poe Grades 6-8

Non-Fiction/STEAM

Girls Who Code: Learn to Code & Change the World by Reshma Saujani The author wants to inspire girls to code. Grades 5-6

Technology: Cool Women Who Code (Girls in Science) by Andi Diehn Do you listen to music with an MP3 player or read books on a tablet? Do you play multiplayer video games with people on the other side of the world? Do you have a robot cleaning your kitchen? Maybe not yet, but someday! Grades 3-7

Help Your Kids with Computer Coding by DK Publishing Don't just play computer games with your kids—build them! Ages 12+

Bomb: The Race to Build--and Steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin In December of 1938, a chemist in a German laboratory made a shocking discovery: When placed next to radioactive material, a Uranium atom split in two. That simple discovery launched a scientific race that spanned 3 continents. In Great Britain and the United States, Soviet spies worked their way into the scientific community; in Norway, a commando force slipped behind enemy lines to attack German heavy-water manufacturing; and deep in the desert, one brilliant group of scientists was hidden away at a remote site at Los Alamos. Grade 4-6

A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story by Linda Sue Park The *New York Times* bestseller *A Long Walk to Water* begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about two eleven-year-olds in Sudan, a girl in 2008 and a boy in 1985. Grades 5-7

Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream by Tanya Lee Stone What does it take to be an astronaut? Excellence at flying, courage, intelligence, resistance to stress, top physical shape -- any checklist would include these. But when America created NASA in 1958, there was another unspoken rule: you had to be a man. Here is the tale of thirteen women who proved that they were not only as tough as the toughest man but also brave enough to challenge the government. Grades 5-6

Thunder on the Plains: The Story of the American Buffalo by Ken Robbins Ken Robbins tells in words and historical photographs the amazing yet tragic story of a magnificent and truly American creature: the buffalo. Grades 2-5

If the World Were a Village: A Book about the World's People, 2nd Edition by David J. Smith By exploring the lives of the 100 villagers, children will discover that life in other nations is often very different from their own. Grades 3-7

Survival at 120 Above by Debbie Miller After exploring one of the coldest places on Earth, Debbie S. Miller travels to one of the hottest places, to introduce readers to the variety of animals who call the desert home and show the ways they have adapted to survive temperatures as high as 120 degrees. DRA