

6th Grade Summer Reading 2017

Dear Rising 6th Graders,

Over the summer you are responsible for completing a summer reading assignment. Attached to this letter is your summer reading packet.

The attached reading packet includes:

1. Book List: Please select ONE novel to read from the attached list.
2. Book Report Form: Please complete this form for your selected novel. This will be your first grade in Literature class next year, so be sure to give this assignment your best effort.

We look forward to reading with you again next school year! Happy Summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Anthony and Mrs. Mansfield

6th Grade Summer Reading Book List 2017

Please read **1** book from this list

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, by C.S. Lewis

Narnia...the land beyond the wardrobe, the secret country known only to Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy...the place where the adventure begins. Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

The Westing Game, by Ellen Raskin

The game is "Who Killed Sam Westing" and the winner receives his estate, worth millions. Sixteen people, all residents of Sunset Towers --- an apartment building on Lake Michigan --- are named as heirs to the fortune. They are split into eight unusual pairs and given clues to solving the murder. Through snowstorms, power failures, and bombs, they play the game, leading to deception and intrigue. Everyone is a suspect, no one is ever who he or she seems to be, and no one except the reader has all the answers (and sometimes not even then). Don't forget Sam Westing's most important instruction to the heirs: "It's not what you have, but what you don't have, that counts."

The Great Fire, by Jim Murphy

For more than a century, poor Mrs. O'Leary and her cow have shouldered the blame for Chicago's infamous Great Fire of 1871. Now Murphy (*The Boys' War*; *Across America on an Emigrant Train*) lays bare the facts concerning one of the biggest disasters in American history, in the process exculpating the maligned bovine and her owner. Murphy demonstrates that the fire could have been contained: he unfolds a tale of botched communication, class discrimination (the fire began in a working-class section of the city and only later spread to the wealthier areas) and plain old bad luck.

Fever, 1793, by Laurie Halse Anderson

During the summer of 1793, Mattie Cook lives above the family coffee shop with her widowed mother and grandfather. Mattie spends her days avoiding chores and making plans to turn the family business into the finest Philadelphia has ever seen. But then the fever breaks out.

Disease sweeps the streets, destroying everything in its path and turning Mattie's world upside down. At her feverish mother's insistence, Mattie flees the city with her grandfather. But she soon discovers that the sickness is everywhere, and Mattie must learn quickly how to survive in a city turned frantic with disease.

The Bronze Bow, by Elizabeth George Speare

This gripping, action-packed novel tells the story of eighteen-year-old Daniel bar Jamin—a fierce, hotheaded young man bent on revenging his father's death by forcing the Romans from his land of Israel. Daniel's palpable hatred for Romans wanes only when he starts to hear the gentle lessons of the traveling carpenter, Jesus of Nazareth. A fast-paced, suspenseful, vividly wrought tale of friendship, loyalty, the idea of home, community . . . and ultimately, as Jesus says to Daniel on page 224: "Can't you see, Daniel, it is hate that is the enemy? Not men. Hate does not die with killing. It only springs up a hundredfold. The only thing stronger than hate is love." A powerful, relevant read in turbulent times.

6th Grade Summer Reading Book Report Form 2017

Name: _____

Date: _____

Supply the following information about your book:

Title: _____

Author: _____

Genre (circle all that apply)

- adventure autobiography biography fantasy expository fiction
historical fiction realistic fiction science fiction humor nonfiction
mysterysports other: _____

Answer the following questions in complete sentences with correct spelling, grammar, capitalization, and punctuation using your neatest handwriting. If you need more room than this form provides, you may continue your work on looseleaf paper.

Name and describe the main characters.

Setting:

When did the story take place?

Where did the story take place?

Summary of Plot:

Exposition

Rising Action

Climax

Falling Action and Resolution

What part did you like best? Why?

How would you rate this book?

excellent

good

fair

poor

Explain your rating:
