

# Suggested Summer Reading List for Students Entering 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Note:** The following books are only suggestions. Please feel free to add any books that are appropriate for your child. The staff in the children's section of the local library will also have many wonderful suggestions for you.

Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is time spent reading. Here are some titles to get your child started! Please note that the reading level of the books suggested varies. To see if a book is a good fit, have your child read a page of the book aloud to you. If they struggle with more than a few words on the page, it is probably too difficult for them to read independently, however, the book would still be a great book to read aloud with your child.

## **Fantasy and Science Fiction Books**

- *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis (series)
- *The BFG* by Roald Dahl
- *Lizard Music* by Daniel Pinkwater
- *A Swiftly Tilting Planet* by Madeleine L'Engle
- *Harry Potter* by J. K. Rowling (series)
- *Dragon Rider* by Cornelia Funke
- *Midnight for Charlie Bone* by Jenny Nimmo (series)
- *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine

## **Series Books Kids Love**

- *Goosebumps* series by R. L. Stine
- *A Series of Unfortunate Events* series by Lemony Snicket
- *Wildwood* series by Colin Meloy

## **Great Reads**

- *Holes* by Louis Sachar
- *Wrinker* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Firegirl* by Tony Abbott
- *The Summer of the Swans* by Betsy Byars
- *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio
- *Flipped* by Wendelin Van Draanen
- *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry

## **Mystery and Adventure Books**

- *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell
- *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi
- *A Week in the Woods* by Andrew Clements
- *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George
- *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin