

June 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The middle school years are critical in the development of lifelong reading enjoyment. The State Education Department recommends that all middle school students read a minimum of 25 books each year to achieve fluent literacy. The summer reading program is designed to encourage reading for pleasure and to help students develop and maintain reading proficiency. **All incoming Sixth Graders to Iroquois Middle School are expected to read AT LEAST one book from the 6th grade reading list (below) during the summer break.** Your support and involvement in your child's summer reading is encouraged.

Thank you - your support makes a real difference!

Happy Reading,

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6<sup>th</sup> grade ELA teachers

### **Book report expectations**

**The final copy may be handwritten or typed, and should be carefully edited.**

**1<sup>st</sup> paragraph-** Describe the main character using specific details from the book. Include identifying information such as age, gender, physical description, where and when the character lives and personality traits. Provide the title and author of this book in this paragraph.

**2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph-** Describe in detail, the book's setting. What is life for the people who live in this time and place? What is the character's life like? Use specific examples and details from the story?

**3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph-** What is the character's main conflict (problem) in the story? How does the character deal with the conflict?

**4<sup>th</sup> paragraph-** explain how the conflict is resolved at the end of the book. Is the character pleased with the outcome? Did you like the ending?

## Suggested Reading List for New 6th Graders 2021-2022

**Roll with It**, by Jamie Sumner  
**The Last Last-Day-of-Summer**, by Lamar Giles  
**Caterpillar Summer**, by Gillian McDunn  
**Hello, Universe**, by Erin Entrada Kelly  
**Guts**, by Raina Telgemeier  
**Small Spaces**, by Katherine Arden  
**Front Desk**, by Kelly Yang  
**Other Words for Home**, by Jasmine Warga  
**Restart**, by Gordon Korman  
**The Great Greene Heist**, by Varian Johnson  
**Becoming Naomi León**, by Pam Muñoz Ryan  
**The Fear Place**, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
**Melting of Maggie Bean**, by Tricia Rayburn  
**Mick Harte was Here**, by Barbara Park  
**My Life in Pink and Green**, by Lisa Greenwald  
**My Louisiana Sky**, by Kimberly Willis Holt  
**The Secret Language of Girls**, by Frances O'Roark Dowell  
**A Week in the Woods**, by Andrew Clements  
**Dear America Series**, by various authors  
**A Drowned Maiden's Hair: A Melodrama**, by Laura Amy Schlitz  
**Homeless Bird**, by Gloria Whelan  
**My Name is America Series**, by various authors  
**Nory Ryan's Song**, by Patricia Reilly Giff  
**A Single Shard**, by Linda Sue Park  
**Something Upstairs**, by Avi  
**Turtle in Paradise**, by Jennifer L. Holm  
**11 Birthdays**, by Wendy Mass  
**The Boggart**, by Susan Cooper  
**Gregor the Overlander**, by Suzanne Collins  
**Island of the Aunts**, by Eva Ibbotson  
**The Lost Years of Merlin**, by T.A. Barron  
**The One and Only Ivan**, by Katherine Applegate  
**Redwall Series**, by Brian Jacques  
**Secrets of Droon series**, by Tony Abbott  
**The Door to Time**, by Pierdomenico Baccalario  
**All the Lovely Bad Ones: A Ghost Story**, by Mary Downing Hahn  
**Wait Till Helen Comes: A Ghost Story**, by Mary Downing Hahn  
**The Eyes of the Amaryllis**, by Natalie Babbitt  
**Who Was That Masked Man Anyway?** by Avi  
**Maze of Bones (39 Clues Series, book #1)**, by Rick Riordan  
**Beardance**, by Will Hobbs  
**Call Me Francis Tucket**, by Gary Paulsen  
**The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp**, by Rick Yancey  
**Far North**, by Will Hobbs  
**Jason's Gold**, by Will Hobbs  
**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**, by Roald Dahl  
**The Great Brain**, by John D. Fitzgerald  
**Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key**, by Jack Gantos  
**Knights of the Kitchen Table**, by Jon Scieszka  
**Skinnybones**, by Barbara Park

These books may be available in the public library system as well as at Barnes and Noble and Amazon.com.