## GRADE 6 SUMMER READING

# Recommended Books For Grade 6 Summer Reading

# 11 Birthdays, by Wendy Mass

Peculiar things begin to happen when Amanda and Leo plan to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately after celebrating their first nine same-day birthdays together.

## A Week in the Woods, by Andrew Clements

The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to a teacher who seems out to get him.

## **Esperanza Rising** by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.

## **The City of Ember** by Jeanne DuPrau

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions

### Crispin by Avi

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

# Ida B. by Katherine Hannigan

In Wisconsin, fourth-grader Ida B spends happy hours being home-schooled and playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer and her parents must sell part of the orchard and send her to public school.

#### The Million Dollar Kick by Dan Gutman.

Thirteen-year-old Whisper, who hates sports, is torn when she gets a chance to win a million dollars by kicking a goal against a local soccer hero.

#### **Red Kayak** by Priscilla Cummings

Living near the water on Maryland's Eastern Shore, thirteen-year-old Brady and his best friends J.T. and Digger become entangled in a tragedy which tests their friendship and their ideas about right and wrong.

#### The Fear Place, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

When he and his older brother Gordon are left camping alone in the Rocky Mountains, twelve-year-old Doug faces his fear of heights and his feelings about Gordon -- with the help of a cougar.

#### Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

When eleven-year old Grgeor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving humans, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

## Wait Till Helen Comes: A Ghost Story by Mary Downing Hahn

Molly and Michael dislike their spooky new stepsister Heather but realize that they must try to save her when she seems ready to follow a ghost child to her doom.

#### **Homeless Bird** by Gloria Whelan

Thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage and must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's customs or find the courage to oppose tradition.

# Recommended Authors for Grade 6 Summer Reading:

Wendy Mass-Realistic Fiction
Andrew Clements-Realistic Fiction
Gary Paulsen-Adventure
Suzanne Lafleur-Realistic Fiction
James Patterson-Humor
Will Hobbs-Adventure
Avi-various
Jerry Spinelli-Realistic Fiction

# Recommended Series for Grade 6 Summer Reading:

Artemis Fowl-Eoin Colfer (Fantasy)
39 Clues-Rick Riordan (Mystery/Adventure))
Ranger's Apprentice-John Flanagan (Fantasy/Adventure)
Harry Potter-J.K Rowling(Fantasy)
Joey Pigza - Jack Gantos - (Humor)
Any series-Gordon Korman
Redwall Series-Brian Jacques (Fantasy)

Barnes and Noble and Amazon are among the places where these books may be found. In addition, they may be available in public libraries.