



6th GRADE

Summer Reading List for upcoming 6th graders (2015-2016)

All upcoming 6th graders will be required to read one non-fiction novel and one fiction novel. Students choose one title from each category.

Non-Fiction:

Escape!: The Story of The Great Houdini by Sid Fleischman

How did he walk through walls, escape drowning, and shatter iron chains that were tightly wrapped around him? The rare photos in this book might help you figure it out. So might the exclusive update about the rumor that Houdini was poisoned. But just remember, a true magician never reveals his tricks. . . .

Chasing Lincoln's Killer By James Swanson

This story is true. All the characters are real and were alive during the great manhunt of April 1865. Their words are authentic and come from original sources. What happened in Washington, D.C., that spring, and in the swamps and rivers, forests and fields of Maryland and Virginia during the next twelve days, is far too incredible to have been made up.

Fiction:

Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix

One night a plane appeared out of nowhere, the only passengers aboard: thirty-six babies. As soon as they were taken off the plane, it vanished. Now, thirteen years later, two of those children are receiving sinister messages, and they begin to investigate their past. Their quest to discover where they really came from leads them to a conspiracy that reaches from the far past to the distant future—and will take them hurtling through time.

Wonder By R.J. Palacio

I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.

August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face.

Students should be prepared to test on both novels Friday, August 7, 2015.