

STRATH HAVEN MIDDLE SCHOOL



6TH GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

2010



WELCOME TO THE SIXTH GRADE

All in-coming sixth grade students are expected to read three books over the summer. One book should be chosen from the eight titles below. The other two are the student's choice. It is highly recommended that a student choose additional readings from the excellent books on the summer reading list.

All summer reading should be recorded on the reading log. Additionally, students should be prepared to respond to summer reading as the first assignment in the 6th grade reading class.

It is suggested that students use the form on the back of the reading log to record main events and characters.



Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.



Silverwing by Kenneth Oppel

When a newborn bat named Shade, sometimes called "Runt", is separated from his colony during migration, he grows in ways that prepare him for even greater journeys.



Windcatcher by Avi

While learning to sail during a visit to his grandmother's home at the Connecticut shore, eleven-year-old Tony becomes excited about the rumors of sunken treasure.



Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in Florida and all the good things that happen to her because of her big, ugly dog, Winn-Dixie.



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

Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia. Once there, they assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.



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.



Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan

When thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose



Three Cups of Tea by Sarah Thomson

Adaptation of Greg Mortenson's book in which he recounts the experiences he had while trying to help impoverished villages in Pakistan's Karakoram Himalaya build schools for their children.



Adventure



Biography



Classic



Fantasy



Historical Fiction



Mystery



Realistic fiction




Science Fiction



Sports



World Culture

 Alexander, Lloyd **The Book of Three**


Taran sets out with some strangely assorted companions to save his beloved land.

 Balliett, Blue **Chasing Vermeer**

A puzzling art theft brings Petra & Calder together. The two sixth graders find themselves at the center of an international art scandal. Can they solve a crime that has left even the FBI baffled? See also the **Wright 3 and Calder Game**

 Broach, Eilse **Shakespeare's Secret**

Named after a character in a Shakespeare play, misfit sixth-grader Hero becomes interested in exploring this unusual connection because of a valuable diamond supposedly hidden in her new house, an intriguing neighbor, and the unexpected attention of the most popular boy in school.

 Buckley, Michael **Fairy Tale Detectives**

Sisters Sabrina and Daphne learn they are descendants of the Brothers Grimm--whose famous fairy tales are actually case files--and are the latest in a long line of fairy-tale detectives.

 Carroll, Lewis **Alice's Adventures in Wonderland**


A little girl falls down a rabbit hole and discovers a world of nonsensical and amusing characters.

 Colfer, Eoin **Artemis Fowl**

When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll..

 DeFelice, Cynthia **Ghost of Fossil Glen**

A psychological thriller about a girl who is rescued from a dangerous cliff by the ghost of a murdered young woman.

 D'Lacey, Chris **Fire Within**

College student David Rain rents a room in an unusual boardinghouse full of clay dragons, not realizing that they, along with some lively squirrels, will help jumpstart his writing career.

 Enzensberger, Hans, **The Number Devil**

Annoyed with his math teacher who assigns word problems and won't let him use a calculator, twelve-year-old Robert gets help




Vogel, Heather **Mother Daughter Book Club**


The mothers of four very different sixth-grade girls pressure forming a book club, and find, as they read the classic novel "Little Hat they have more in common than they thought.

 Funke, Cornelia **Inkheart**

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service. See also **Inkspell**.

 Gutman, Dan **Jackie and Me**

With his ability to travel through time via baseball cards, Joe goes back to 1947 to meet Jackie Robinson. Try others in the series

 Hoobler, D. and T. **In Darkness Death**


When the Samurai Lord Inaba is discovered murdered in his sleep while under the protection of the shogun, the ruler is honor-bound to find the killer. Desperate for justice, he turns to the famous Judge Ooka—the Sherlock Holmes of eighteenth-century Japan—and his fourteen-year-old apprentice, Seikei, to investigate.

 Hunter, Erin **Warriors: Into the Wild**


For generations, four clans of wild cats have shared the forest. When their warrior code is threatened by mysterious deaths, a house cat named Rusty may turn out to be the bravest warrior of all. See other books in the Warrior series.

 Kerr, P. B. **The Akhenaten Adventure**

When twelve-year-old twins Philippa and John discover that they are descended from a long line of djinn, their mother sends them away to their Uncle Nimrod, who takes them to Cairo where he starts to teach them about their extraordinary powers. See other books in the **Children of the Lamp Series**.

 Jacques, Brian **Redwall**

The peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat and his villainous hordes. Read any book in the series

 Lawrence, Caroline **The Secrets of Vesuvius**

Flavia and her friends encounter the Roman admiral Pliny before making a journey to her uncle's farm near Mt. Vesuvius. There they try to solve a riddle, reunite a family and avoid a natural disaster. Try other books in the series



Lawrence, Iain **The Wreckers**

Shipwrecked after a vicious storm, fourteen-year-old John Spencer attempts to save his father and himself while dealing with an evil secret about the English coastal town where they are stranded. Look for **The Smugglers** and **The Buccaneers** by the same author.



Levine, Gail **Fairest**

In the Kingdom of Ayortha, Aza, an unattractive woman with a magical voice, learns to balance her appearance with her talent, meanwhile, her singing attracts both Prince Ijori, who cannot resist it, and Queen Ivi, who plots to use it to benefit herself.

Lord, Cynthia **Rules**

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, , twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world



McGraw, Eloise **Mara, Daughter of the Nile**

An ingenious Egyptian slave girl undertakes a dangerous assignment as a spy in the royal palace of Thebes, in the days when Queen Hatshepsut ruled.



Murpurgo, Michael **Kensuke's Kingdom**

After Michael is swept off his family's yacht, he washes up on a desert island, where he struggles to survive--until he finds he is not alone



O'Dell, Scott **Island of the Blue Dolphins**

Records the courage and self-reliance of an Indian girl who lived alone for eighteen years on an isolated island off the California coast when her tribe emigrated and she was left behind..



Oppel, Kenneth **Airborn**

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.

Try the Skybreaker and Starclimber.



Pattou, Edith **East**

A young woman journeys to a distant castle on the back of a great white bear, who is not what he appears to be.



Sage, Angie **Magyk**

This novel introduces the seventh son of a seventh son, who is destined to have deep magical powers. But in order to protect him, his identity must remain a secret. See also **Flyte**.

Physik and ,Queste



Stevenson, Robert Louis **Treasure Island**

While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads to a pirate fortune as well as great danger.



Stewart, Lee Trenton **The Mysterious Benedict Society**

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.



Stone, Jeff **Tiger (5 Ancestors #1)**

Five young warrior-monk brothers survive an insurrection and must use the ancient arts to avenge their Grandmaster. See also Monkey, Snake, Crane, Eagle, Mouse and Dragon



Van Draanen,W **Sammy Keyes and the Wild Things**

While on her first hiking and camping trip, thirteen-year-old Sammy tries to solve a mystery involving endangered condors while avoiding scorpions, ticks, and embarrassment.



Whelan, Gloria **Angel on the Square**

In 1913 Russia, twelve-year-old Katya eagerly anticipates leaving her St. Petersburg home to join her mother, a lady in waiting in the household of Tsar Nicholas II. The ensuing years bring a world war, revolution, and undreamed changes to her life. Look for the sequel **The Impossible Journey**

Annotations courtesy of the publishers, Amazon Books and Barnes and Noble

Free Choice:

Author _____

Title _____

Record the main events and main characters of each of your three books below. If you need more space, use an additional piece of paper and attach it to this log.

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