

## **Incoming 6th Grade Summer Reading**

- *Lightcasters* by Janelle McCurdy
- *Hither and Nigh* by Ellen Potter
- *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill
- *Shinji Takahashi and the Mark of the Coatl* by Julie Kagawa
- *Amari and the Night Brothers* by B.B. Alston
- *Legend of the Dream Giants* by Dustin Hansen
- *Daughter of the Deep* by Rick Riordan
- *The Adventurers Guild* by Zach Loran Clark and Nick Eliopoulos
- *Kelcie Murphy and the Academy for the Unbreakable Arts* by Erika Lewis
- *Last Mapmaker* by Christina Soontornvat
- *The Van Gogh Deception* by Deron Hicks
- *96 Miles* by J.L. Esplin
- *Framed! A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery* by James Ponti
- *The Canyon's Edge* by Dusti Bowling
- *City Spies* by James Ponti
- *Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation* by Stuart Gibb
- *The Unforgettable Logan Foster* by Shawn Peters
- *Ali Cross* by James Patterson
- *Scratch Scratch* by Lindsay Currie
- *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman
- *Lockwood & Co The Screaming Staircase* by Jonathan Stroud
- *A Tale of Dark and Grimm* by Adam Gidwitz
- *Ophie's Ghost* by Justina Ireland
- *Allies* by Alan Gratz
- *Becoming Muhammad Ali* by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander
- *Show Me a Sign* by Ann Clare LeZotte
- *A Place to Hang the Moon* by Kate Albus
- *Indian No More* by Charlene Willing McManis and Traci Sorell
- *Voyage of the Sparrowhawk* by Natasha Farrant
- *Traitors Among Us* by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch
- *Lifeboat 12* by Susan Hood
- *Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero* by Kelly J. Baptist
- *All of Me* by Chris Baron
- *Starfish* by Lisa Fipps

- *From the Desk of Zoe Washington* by Janae Marks
- *Before the Ever After* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling
- *Unsettled* by Reem Faruqi
- *Finally Seen* by Kelly Yang
- *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper
- *The Last Last Day of Summer* by Lamar Giles
- *The Jolly Regina: The Unintentional Adventures of the Bland Sisters* by Kara LaReau
- *Strange Case of the Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger
- *Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life* by James Patterson and Chris Tebbetts
- *The Croc Ate My Homework* by Stephan Pastis
- *The Great Treehouse War* by Lisa Graff
- *Awesome Achievers in Technology* by Alan Katz
- *Making a Difference: Using Your Talents and Passions to Change the World (American Girl)* by Melissa Seymour
- *The Boy Who Became a Dragon: A Bruce Lee Story* by Jim Di Bartolo
- *The Mayflower (History Smashers)* by Kate Messner
- *The Superpower Field Guide Eels* by Rachel Poliquin
- *Wild Outside Around the World with Survivorman* by Les Stroud
- *Almanac 2023 National Geographic Kids*
- *Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for The World's Most Adventurous Kid* by Dylan Thuras and Rosemary Mosco

## **Incoming 7th & 8th Grade Summer Reading**

- *Hope Was Here* by Joan Bauer
- *My Family and Other Animals* by Gerald Durrell
- *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- *1984* by George Orwell
- *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* by Frederick Douglass
- *Alas, Babylon* by Pat Frank
- *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
- *Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank

- *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson
- *The Serpent King* by Jeff Zentner
- *Go Tell it on the Mountain* by James Baldwin
- *2001* by Arthur C Clarke
- *Lord Jim* by Joseph Conrad
- *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
- *The Other Side of Truth* by Beverly Naidoo
- *Parrot in the Oven* by Victor Martinez
- *Mosquitoland* by David Arnold
- *The 5th Wave* by Rick Yancey
- *The Boys Who Challenged Hitler* by Phillip Hoose
- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
- *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt
- *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin
- *Watership Down* by Richard Adams
- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
- *Sea of Trolls* by Nancy Farmer
- *The Pigman* by Paul Zindel
- *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller
- *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- *Looking for Alaska* by John Green
- *Monster* by Walter Dean Meyers
- *The Red Queen* by Victoria Aveyard
- *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck
- *Wolf by Wolf* by Ryan Graudin
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
- *Slaughterhouse Five* by Kurt Vonnegut
- *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* by Dee Brown
- *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles
- *A Place to Belong* by Cynthia Kadohata
- *The Lord of The Rings* trilogy or *The Hobbit* trilogy by J. R. R. Tolkien

## **Project List**

### 1. Timeline Poster:

Create a timeline of the story's important events on a poster board. The timeline must be in chronological order and have at least 10 points; each point must have an illustration and a short summary.

### 2. Book Jacket:

Make a book jacket.

Front: Design (either on a computer or drawn) a new cover for the book. Be sure to include the title and the author

Inside left: Write at least three critic reviews saying what you liked or three things you disliked about the book.

Back cover: Write a summary that would catch a reader's attention and make them want to read the book. Do not just copy what the back of the book already says; make up your own!

### 3. Diorama

Make a shoebox diorama with an important scene in the book. On the back, write a paragraph summarizing the scene and another three paragraphs explaining why it's important to the overall story. Make sure to include what led to this scene and then what ultimately happened as a result of this scene.

### 4. Interview with a Character

Pick a character from your book and interview them. Compile a list of questions that will take the reader through the events of the story. Answer the questions as the character you selected. In answering these questions, be sure to make a coherent summary of the story and also give some insight into the character's thoughts and feelings about the events that took place.