

BROOKWOOD 6th GRADE
***SUMMER READING LIST - 2009**
For Brookwood students entering 6th grade

May 2009

Dear Entering 6th Graders and Families,

Summer is just around the corner, and with its arrival comes the opportunity to plan for great vacation reading choices. Our summer reading goal is to invite students to read widely to discover new areas of interest. Below is the 6th Grade Summer Reading List. Please note the “**New and Noteworthy**” books—these titles represent many of the best books published during the past year and include Spring 2009 titles as well. Notice the “**Kid Picks**” booklist generated by 6th grade students too!

All students entering 6th grade are expected to read a total of **four** books during the summer. **The 6th Grade Summer Reading List** serves as a guide to the wide selection of books that are available at your library and local bookstore. Please feel free to read from the **7th & 8th Grade Summer Reading list** too. The Brookwood Summer Reading Lists may be found online on the Library website:

URL: <http://www.brookwood.edu/library/>

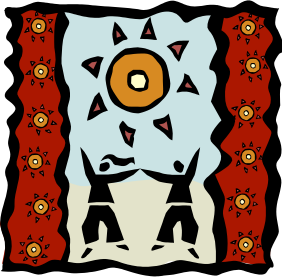
Entering 6th Grade Summer Reading Requirements:

- All incoming 6th grade students are required to read *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes. Students will receive a copy of the book from the school before the end of the year. A related assignment will be distributed with the book.
- Choose **three** additional books from the **6th Grade Summer Reading List** or select other titles that satisfy your reading interests.

Thank you for making reading a family priority this summer and always.

Sincerely,

Team 6 Teachers, Mrs. Fox, and Mrs. Geraty



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NEW AND NOTEWORTHY BOOKS – Books published in 2008/2009

Applet, Kathi *The Underneath*
2009 Newbery Honor Book! An old hound that has been chained up at his hateful owner's run-down shack and two kittens born underneath the house, endure separation, danger, and many other tribulations in their quest to be reunited and free.

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell *The Boy Who Dared*
In October, 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hübener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.

Brashares, Ann *3 Willows: The Sisterhood Grows*
Ama, Jo, and Polly, three close friends from Bethesda, Maryland, spend the summer before ninth grade learning about themselves, their families, and the changing nature of their friendship.

Broach, Elise *Masterpiece*
After Marvin, a beetle, makes a miniature drawing as an eleventh birthday gift for James, a human with whom he shares a house, the two new friends work together to help recover a Durer drawing stolen from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Cherry, Lynne *How We Know What We Know About Our Changing Climate: Scientists and Kids Explore Global Warming*
A great book that explores the science behind climate change and where scientists look for clues.

Deem, James *Bodies From the Ice: Melting Glaciers and Rediscovery of the Past*
Recounts the discovery of the oldest human mummy in the 1990s by two mountain climbers on the Austrian border, in this exciting volume that reveals how glaciers, hulking masses of moving ice, are now offering up many secrets from the past.

Denenberg, Barry *Lincoln Shot: A President's Life Remembered*
A fictitious/biographical account of Lincoln's death "one year" after he was shot. This book is designed to look like a commemorative newspaper of the time.

Dowd, Siobhan *The London Eye Mystery*

When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

Engle, Margarita ***The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom***
Cuba has fought three wars for independence, and still she is not free. This history in verse creates a lyrical portrait of Cuba.

Erdich, Louise ***The Porcupine Year*** (sequel to *The Birchbark House* and *The Game of Silence*) In 1852, forced by the United States government to leave their beloved Island of the Golden Breasted Woodpecker, fourteen-year-old Omokayas and her Ojibwe family travel in search of a new home.

Gaiman, Neil ***The Graveyard Book***
2009 Newbery Award winner! Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard.
Coraline – Enjoy a scare? Read Gaiman's creepy graphic adaptation of the novel.

Hale, Shannon ***Rapunzel's Revenge***
In this Old West retelling told using the graphic novel format, Rapunzel is raised in a grand villa surrounded by towering walls. She soon learns a surprising truth and uses her hair as a lasso and her wits to take on outlaws and outsmart her rivals.

Hiaasen, Carl ***Scat***
Nick and his friend Marta decide to investigate when a mysterious fire starts near a Florida wildlife preserve and an unpopular teacher goes missing.

Horvath, Polly ***My One Hundred Adventures***
Twelve-year-old Jane, who lives at the beach in a run-down old house with her mother, two brothers, and sister, has an eventful summer accompanying her pastor on bible deliveries, meeting former boyfriends of her mother's, and being coerced into babysitting for a family of ill-mannered children.

Jinks, Catherine ***Genius Squad***
Sequel to ***Evil Genius***. After the Axis Institute is blown up, fifteen-year-old Cadell Piggot is unhappily stuck in foster care with constant police surveillance to protect him from the evil Prosper English until he gets an offer to join a mysterious group called Genius Squad.

Kelly, Erica and Richard Kissel ***Evolving Planet: Four Billion Years of Life on Earth*** Companion book to the Field Museum's exhibit Evolving planet.

Lasky, Kathryn ***One Beetle Too Many: The Extraordinary Adventures of Charles Darwin***. Describes the life and work of the renowned nineteenth-century biologist who transformed conventional Western thought with his theory of natural evolution.

Wood, Don *Into the Volcano*

While their parents are away doing research, brothers Duffy and Sumo Pugg go with their cousin, Mister Come-and-Go, to Kokalaha Island, where they meet Aunt Lulu and become trapped in an erupting volcano.

Grade Six Kid Picks – Enjoy the Student Book Reviews!

Balliet, Blue *Chasing Vermeer*

Two school friends encounter a mystery waiting to be solved – the theft of a painting by the artist Vermeer. I recommend it to kids who like mysteries.

Brashares, Ann *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*

When four friends go their separate ways during the summer, they send a pair of pants to one another to stay close. If you like adventure books, you are bound to enjoy this one. And while it is more of a girl's book, some boys may like it, too.

Chabon, Michae *Summerland*

Summerland is a great fantasy about a boy who learns to love what he hates – baseball. He meets up with a variety of magical creatures and creates a team to defeat the evil Coyote. I recommend this book to people who like fantasy and sports.

Clancy, Tom *Hunt for Red October*

When the captain of a revolutionary Soviet submarine, The Red October, turns toward America, the Americans and the Soviets set out to destroy it. If you like suspense and action, you will enjoy this book about the Cold War. This book is a favorite!

Colfer, Eoin *Artemis Fowl*

Artemis Fowl is not an average 13 year-old. He is a criminal mastermind who discovers an underground world filled with mythical creatures. I recommend this book to people who enjoy fantasy and adventure.

Dahl, Roald *Boy, Tales of Childhood*

Evil grown-ups and mischievous adventures make this autobiography hard to put down. Dahl has an entertaining (and sometimes horrifying life). I recommend this book to everyone who has a good sense of humor.

Davis, Sampson et al *We Beat the Streets*

How do three African-American kids overcome the troubles of the streets of New Jersey? This is a great book for kids who are interested in seeing people struggle against challenges. This book is for all genders – I rate it a 10!

Duncan, Lois *Killing Mr. Griffin*

This realistic fiction is about some high school kids who are sick of their English teacher and plan to give him a taste of his own medicine. Their prank goes awry, and they make some surprising discoveries. I recommend it for anybody who likes action and suspense.

Duprau, Jeanne *The City of Ember*

I highly recommend this book about an underground city that runs out of electricity. Its

people must evacuate to the surface of the Earth where a war has been going on for years. This is an inspiring story of friendship and survival.

Elliot, L.M. ***Annie Between the States***

This book is about a girl living in Virginia during the Civil War. Her brother fights with the Virginia Cavalry with the South to protect his homeland. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes historical fiction.

Frank, Anne ***The Diary of Anne Frank***

This is the diary of a Jewish girl living in 1942. The story is about her family's escaping the Nazis and going into hiding. I strongly suggest this book because it is a moving account of World War II.

Funke, Cornelia ***Inkheart***

Meggie Folehart and her father Mo have magical powers that have to do with stories in books. When the evil ruler Capricorn, comes into their lives, Meggie must learn to harness and use her special gift.

Hobbes, Will ***Far North***

Gabe Rodgers and his roommate Raymond Providence get their first look at the Canadian wilderness from a bush plane window. When the plane lands and the engine suddenly quits, they'll be on their own. This is the ultimate adventure and it is full of excitement!

Horowitz, Anthony ***Alex Rider series***

Alex Rider is a 15 year-old boy. He has no family, only a housekeeper named Jack. M16 was sent to get him so he could be their "secret weapon". In this series there is a lot of action and suspense. I recommend this series to anyone who likes action.

Howe, James ***The Misfits***

A group of 6th Grade outsiders come together and become the self-proclaimed "Misfits." Each character faces obstacles such as being a nerd or the struggle of discovering you're gay. I recommend this book for people who like to laugh – a lot.

Kaponen, Libby ***Blow Out the Moon***

This book is about a 12 year-old girl who lives in England. She has the opportunity to go to a boarding school and takes it. I recommend this book mostly to girls.

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

Step through the wardrobe to the land of Narnia. When Peter, Edmond, Susan, and Lucy arrive in the magical world, they have to fulfill a prophecy. I recommend this book to people who like the battle between good and evil.

Murphy, Jim ***My Name is America***

This book is the story of a man who goes to France during the WW II Nazi regime. I would recommend it for people who like intense war novels.

Myers, Walter Dean ***Fallen Angels***

This book is about two men who go to Vietnam during the Vietnam War. The book is intense, suspenseful and realistic. I would recommend it to boys more than girls.

Paolini, Christopher ***Eragon***

Eragon is about a young farm boy who lives in medieval times. Eragon finds a dragon egg and discovers that he has magical powers. I suggest this book for fantasy lovers because it is exciting and gripping.

Philbrick, Nathaniel ***Revenge of the Whale***

In this story, the Essex is attacked by an aggressive sperm whale. The few people who survive have a long journey to find civilization. This book is great for people interested in survival and history.

Pierce, Tamora ***The Song of the Lioness Quartet***

Alanna, a girl in the Middle Ages whose is sent off to be a knight, Alanna switches places with him.. Can she handle all the challenges that come her way? Will she be found out?

I recommend this book for those who like adventure and fiction.

Pierce, Tamora ***Wild Magic***

When 13 year-old Dain finally gets a job as an assistant for the Queen's Riders, she travels to Tortall. There, with the help of the mage Numair, she learns that she has magic that allows her to speak to animals.

Rosenbloom, Fiona ***You Are SO Not Invited to My Bat Mitzvah!***

This book is about a girl named Stacy who is struggling in her life. Her mom is unhappy with her, Stacy broke up with her boyfriend, and Stacy's friend betrayed her. I would recommend this book because it gives you ways to solve life problems.

Sachar, Louis ***Holes***

This book is about a boy who got framed for stealing a pair of shoes from an auction for poor children. I highly recommend this book to people who like adventure books.

Sacher, Louis ***Small Steps***

Armpit is back from Camp Green Lake and trying to improve his life. I recommend this book to anyone who liked Holes since this is the sequel and to anyone who likes a story about people changing and making their lives better.

Shaara, Michael ***Killer Angels***

In this book you examine both sides of Gettysburg from the point of view of a general in the Confederate army and from that of a private in the Union. If you like war stories, this book about the civil war is for you.

Shan, Darren ***Cirque du Freak***

Cirque du Freak is an electrifying series with action and horror. This book is recommended for kids who like to get chills and thrills.

Shull, Megan ***Yours Truly, Sky O'Shea***

For the summer, Sky is going to a sleep-away camp. I recommend this book to people who are into cliffhangers. At the end of each chapter there is always suspense.

Spinelli, Jerry ***Stargirl***

This story is about a girl who is a little strange. She is amazing at spelling. She really likes a boy who gets made fun of by others. This book is realistic fiction.

Updale, Eleanor ***Montmorency: Thief, Liar, Gentleman?***

This book is about a man who decides to use the sewers as his escape route to get out of jail in London, England. I would recommend it to everyone.

Zevin, Gabrielle *Elsewhere*

Liz is a girl who died in a bicycle accident. When she gets to Elsewhere, a kind of afterworld, she can't let go of her past. Will Liz finally learn to enjoy life as it is rather than clinging to the past? I really liked this book because Elsewhere is very creative.

Stephanie Meyer *Twilight*

When Bella Swan moves to a new high school, not everything is as it seems. I suggest this book for people who enjoy romance and fantasy novels – and vampires!

Dan Brown *Deception Point*

Deception Point is about Rachel Sexton whose father is running a campaign for president. If you like action, peril, and romance, I strongly recommend this book

Edith Pattou *East*

Rose never fit in with her seven brothers and sisters and so she runs away with a mysterious white bear. During the course of her journey, she must go to the end of the Earth (literally). This book is full of magic, romance and adventure

S.E. Hinton *The Outsiders*

This is an amazing story about boys who get into trouble, especially one night when something happens that Johnny will never forget. This book really gets your heart pumping.

GENERAL SUMMER READING LIST



Classics

Alcott, Louisa May	<i>Little Women</i>
Babbitt, Natalie	<i>Tuck Everlasting</i>
Baum, L. Frank	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i> series
Burnett, Frances Hodgson	<i>The Secret Garden</i>
Grahame, Kenneth	<i>The Wind in the Willows</i>
Hemingway, Ernest	<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>
L'Engle, Madeleine	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>
Lewis, C. S.	<i>Chronicles of Narnia</i> series
London, Jack	<i>The Call of the Wild</i>
Mitchell, Margaret	<i>Gone With the Wind</i>
Montgomery, L. M.	<i>Anne of Green Gables</i> series

Tolkein, J.R.R.	<i>The Hobbit & The Lord of the Rings</i>
Twain, Mark	<i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i> <i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>
White, T. H.	<i>The Once and Future King</i>

FICTION



Realistic Fiction

Balliett, Blue	<i>Chasing Vermeer, The Wright 3 & The Calder Game</i>
Berlin, Eric	<i>The Puzzling World of Winston Breen</i>
Bauer, Joan	<i>Hope Was Here</i>
Broach Elise	<i>Shakespeare's Secret</i>
Creech, Sharon	<i>Love That Dog</i> and others
Gantos, Jack	<i>The Joey Pigza</i> series
Birdsall, Jeanne	<i>The Pendericks</i> and <i>The Penderwicks on Gardam Street</i>
Hobbs, Will	<i>Crossing the Wire</i> and others
Horowitz, Alex	<i>Alex Rider</i> adventure series
Howe, James	<i>The Misfits</i> and <i>Totally Joe</i>
Konigsburg, E. L.	<i>The View from Saturday</i>
Lupica, Mike	<i>Heat, Travel Team</i> and others
McKay, Hilary	<i>Saffey's Angel, Caddy Ever After</i> and others in sequence
Miller, Sarah	<i>Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller</i>
Paterson, Katherine	<i>Bridge to Terabithia</i>
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Hatchet</i> and others
Ryan, Pan Munroz	<i>Esperanza Rising</i> and <i>Paint the Wind</i>
Sachar, Louis	<i>Holes</i> and <i>Small Steps</i>
Spinelli, Jerry	<i>Stargirl</i> and sequel
Stewart, Trenton	<i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i> and sequel
Tolan, Stephanie	<i>Surviving the Applewhites</i>
Woodson, Jacqueline	<i>Feathers</i>



Historical Fiction

- Avi *Seer of Shadows*
- Anderson, Laurie H. *Fever, 1793*
- Clancy, Tom *Hunt for Red October* and others
- Curtis, Christopher Paul *Bud, Not Buddy, Elijah of Buxton & The Watsons Go to Birmingham 1963*
- Grant, K. M. *Blood Red Horse - De Granville* trilogy
- Grey, Christopher *Leonardo's Shadow: Or, My Astonishing Life as Leonardo da Vinci's Servant*
- Kadohata, Cynthia *Cracker: The Best Dog in Vietnam*
- Kaponen, Libby *Blow Out the Moon*
- Klages, Ellen *The Green Glass Sea*
- Philbrick, Nathaniel *Revenge of the Whale*
- Updale, Eleanor *Montmorency: Thief, Liar, Gentleman?*
- Wilson, Diane Lee *Black Storm Comin'*
- Salisbury, Graham *Eyes of the Emperor* - In this riveting novel, a sixteen-year-old Japanese American boy enlists in the army before Pearl Harbor.
- Schlitz, Laura. *A Drowned Maiden's Hair*
- Selznick, Brian *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* - Don't miss this rare blend of graphic novel and textual narrative!
- Spillebeen, Geert. *Kipling's Choice*
- Taylor, Mildred *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*



Fantasy and Science Fiction

- Barry, Dave *Peter and the Star Catchers* and others in series
- Card, Orson Scott *The Ender's Game* (The Enders Saga series)
- Colfer, Eoin *Artemis Fowl* series
- Collins, Suzanne *Gregor the Overlander* (The Underland Chronicles)
- Cooper, Susan *The Dark is Rising* sequence
- Crichton, Michael *The Andromeda Strain* and others
- Dunmore, Helen *Ingo*

Duprau, Jeanne	<i>The City of Ember</i> - Books of Ember series
Enzensberger, Hans	<i>The Number Devil: A Mathematical Adventure</i>
Farmer, Nancy	<i>The Sea of Trolls – The Land of the Silver Apples</i> and other titles
Finney, Patricia	<i>I, Jack</i>
Flanagan, John	The Ranger’s Apprentice series
Funke, Cornelia	<i>Inkheart</i> and <i>Inkdeath</i>
Hale, Shannon	<i>Book of a Thousand Days, Princess Academy, Goose Girl</i>
Horowitz, Anthony	<i>Alex Rider adventures; Raven’s Gate</i> (new series)
Jacques, Brian	<i>The Redwall</i> series
Jonell, Lynne	<i>Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat</i>
Kerr, P. B.	Children of the Lamp series
LeGuin, Ursula	<i>A Wizard of Earthsea</i> and others in the series
Levine, Gail	<i>Ella Enchanted</i>
MacHale, D. J.	Pendragon series (new title 5/09)
Oppel, Kenneth.	<i>Airborn</i> and <i>Skybreaker</i>
Paolini, Christopher	<i>Eragon</i> and <i>Eldest</i> and <i>Brisingr</i>
Pierce, Tamara	<i>The Song of the Lioness Quartet, Daughter of the Lioness series, Wild Magic, Tricksters Choice, The Will of the Empress</i> and others.
Pratchett, Terry	<i>Discworld series: Wintersmith</i> and others
Pullman, Philip	<i>His Dark Materials</i> trilogy - <i>The Golden Compass</i> and others
Riordan, Rick	<i>Percy Jackson and the Olympians</i> series
Rowling, J. K.	<i>Harry Potter</i> series
Sage, Angie	<i>Magyk</i> and <i>Physik</i> and other titles in the <i>Septimus Heap</i> series
Stewart, Trenton Lee	<i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i> and sequel
Stroud, Jonathan	<i>The Bartimaeus Trilogy: The Amulet of Samarkand, The Golem’s Eye</i> and <i>Ptolemy’s Gate</i>
Turner, Megan	<i>The King of Attolia</i> and others in trilogy
Wrede, Patricia	<i>Dealing with Dragons</i> (Enchanted Forest Chronicles)
Zevin, Gabrielle	<i>Elsewhere</i>



Graphic Books

Colfer, Eoin	<i>Artemis Fowl: The Graphic Novel</i>
Gaiman, Neil	<i>Coraline</i>
Horowitz, Anthony	<i>Alex Rider</i> graphic series
Lutes, Jason	<i>Houdini: The Handcuff King</i>
Siegel, Siens	<i>To Dance: A Ballerina's Graphic Novel</i>
Smith, Jeff	<i>Bone</i> series
Strum, James	<i>Satchel Paige: Striking Out Jim Crow</i>
Tan, Shawn	<i>The Arrival</i>



NONFICTION

Burns, Loree Griffin	<i>Tracking Trash : Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion</i>
Hoose, Phillip M.	<i>We Were There, Too!: Young People in U.S. History</i>
Jackson, Donna M.	<i>Phenomena: Secrets of the Senses</i>
Laurie, David	<i>Down-to-Earth Guide to Global Warming</i>
Nelson, Kadir	<i>We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball</i>
Scieszka, Jon	<i>Guys Write for Guys Read</i>
Skurzynski, G.	<i>Are We Alone?: Scientists Search for Life in Space</i>



Biography

Bartoletti, Susan C.	<i>Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow</i> - The stories of 12 young Germans and their experiences in light of the larger fabric of Nazism and World War II.
Dahl, Roald	<i>Boy, Tales of Childhood</i>
Delano, Marfé F.	<i>Genius: A Photobiography of Albert Einstein</i>
Fleischman, Sid	<i>Escape!: the Story of the Great Houdini</i>
Frank, Anne	<i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i>
Johnson, Dolores	<i>Onward: A Photobiography of African-American Polar Explorer Matthew Henson</i>
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Guts: the True Story Behind Hatchet and the Brian Books</i>



Poetry

Poetry for Young People series (includes, Carl Sandburg, Edgar Allen Poe, Emily Dickinson, Lewis Carroll, Robert Frost, Robert Louis Stevenson, Walt Whitman, William Shakespeare)

Collins, Billy	<i>Sailing Alone Around the Room</i> and other titles
Nye, Naomi Shihab	<i>Honeybee: Poems & Short Prose</i>
Oliver, Mary	<i>New and Selected Poems</i> and other titles
Rosenberg, Liz	<i>Earth-Shattering Poems</i>
Testa, Maria	<i>Becoming Joe DiMaggio</i>
Vecchione, Patricia	<i>Faith and Doubt: an Anthology of Poems</i>
Wolf, Alan	<i>Immersed in Verse : An Informative, Slightly Irreverent & Totally Tremendous Guide to Living the Poet's Life</i>

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