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 and to discover new areas of interest. Below is the 6th Grade Summer Reading List. The “New Books” section represents the best books published during the past year and include Spring 2013 titles as well.

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 public library and local bookstore. Be sure to check out the Spring Book Fair at Brookwood as well! (May 15 & 16) The Brookwood Summer Reading Lists may be found online on the Brookwood library homepage:

Please feel free to read from the seventh grade summer reading list as well. All the Brookwood Summer Reading lists may be found online on the library website:

URL: http://www.brookwood.edu/library/summer

Entering 6th Grade Summer Reading Requirements:

• All 6th grade students are required to read Smile by Raina Telgemeier. Students will receive a copy of the book from the school before the end of the year.

• In addition, 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 priority!

Sincerely,

Team 6 Teachers, Mrs. Geraty and Ms. Glass
NEW BOOKS – Books published in 2012/Spring 2013

Applegate, Katherine  
*The One and Only Ivan*

2013 Newbery Medal Winner! When Ivan, a gorilla, has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall. But when a baby elephant is added to the mall, he decides that he must find a way to give her a better life.

Balliett, Blue  
*Hold Fast*

On a cold winter day in Chicago, Early's father disappeared, and now she, her mother and her brother have been forced to flee their apartment and join the ranks of the homeless--and it is up to Early to hold her family together and solve the mystery surrounding her father.

Bauer, Joan  
*Close to Famous*

Sixth-grader Sugar and her mother lose their beloved house and experience the harsh world of homelessness.

Brennan, Herbie  
*The Secret Prophecy*

Faced with the death of his father and a growing international scandal, Em Governton must uncover the secrets behind the Knights of Themis before it's too late.

Broach, Elise  
*Treasure on Superstition Mountain, Book Two*

Returning to Superstition Mountain, the Barker brothers, along with their friend Delilah, soon find themselves entangled in more danger and mystery as they uncover a treasure.

Byng, Georgia  
*Molly Moon & the Monster Magic*

Molly confronts the powers of a magical coin that plays hypnotic music capable of turning listeners into monster slaves.

Close, Chuck  
*Chuck Close: Face Book*

Artist Chuck Close introduces children to his art, shows the processes he uses in his studios, and answers questions about his life and the challenges--physical and mental--he has faced.

Erdrich, Louise  
*Chickadee*

Erdrich continues her story about an Ojibwe family in northern Minnesota in the mid 1800s. The series began with Omakayas's girlhood and now shifts to the lives of her sons.
Fienstein, John  **Rush for the Gold: Mystery at the Olympics**
Two teenaged aspiring journalists become entangled in a mystery at the 2012 Olympic Games, while one simultaneously competes for a gold medal in swimming.

Frydenborg, Kay  **Wild Horse Scientists**
Traces the work of two wildlife veterinarians who protect and chart the lives of Assateague Island's wild horses, describing their shared efforts to balance the horses' ecosystem and raise awareness.

Gidwitz, Adam  **In a Glass Grimmly**
In this companion to *A Tale Dark & Grimm*, Frog joins cousins Jack and Jill in leaving their own stories to seek a magic mirror, encountering such creatures as giants, mermaids, and goblins along the way.

Hale, Shannon  **Princess Academy: Palace of Stone**
Miri returns to Asland and calls upon all of her knowledge of rhetoric and other useful lessons learned at the Princess Academy when she and the other girls face strong opposition working for a new, fair charter.

Healy, Christopher  **The Hero’s Guide to Saving the Kingdom**
The four princes erroneously dubbed Prince Charming and rudely marginalized in their respective fairy tales form an unlikely team when a witch threatens the whole kingdom.

Hiaasen, Carl  **Chomp**
When the difficult star of the reality television show "Expedition Survival" disappears while filming an episode in the Florida Everglades wildlife refuge run by Wahoo Cray's family, Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him while avoiding Tuna's gun-happy father.

Hobbs, Will  **Never Say Die**
Fifteen-year-old Inuit hunter Nick Thrasher, fresh off a terrifying encounter with a strange bear that seemed half polar/half grizzly, receives a letter from the half brother he has never met.

Hoose, Phillip  **Moonbird: A Year on the Wind With the Great Survivor B95**
Moonbird is a nickname scientists have given to a small Eastern shorebird known for both his unusually long life and his enormously long annual migration.

Hobbs, Will  **Starry River of the Sky**
An innkeeper's chore boy discovers that a visitor's stories hold the key to returning the moon to the Starry River of the Sky.

Hobbs, Will  **Little White Duck: A Childhood in China**
The world is changing for two girls in China in the 1970s. For decades, China's
government had kept the country separated from the rest of the world. When their country's leader, Chairman Mao, dies, new opportunities begin to emerge.

Lupica, Mike  
**Play Makers**  
A sequel to Game Changers Book 2. Still living large off their incredible football championship win just weeks before, Ben McBain and his crew must now prepare for basketball season. Will Ben be able to pull it together for his team and for himself?

Nielsen, Jennifer A.  
**Runaway King**  
Book Two in the Ascendance Trilogy. Young King Jaron has taken the throne of Carthya, but after enemies attempt to assassinate him, and a neighboring kingdom threatens invasion, he finds that he has no friends in the palace, not even his bride-to-be, princess Amarna. *The False Prince*, Book One

Palacio, R. J.  
**Wonder**  
Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan.

Riodian, Rick  
**The Serpents Shadow**  
(The Kane Chronicles Book 3)  
Also, *The Heroes of the Olympus* series - *The Son of Neptune, Book 2*

Sandler, Martin  
**The Impossible Rescue: the True Story of an Amazing Arctic Adventure.** In 1897, eight American whale ships become trapped in the ice, and the three hundred sailors aboard have little hope of survival. Here is the incredible story of three men sent by President McKinley to rescue them.

Schlitz, Laura Amy  
**Splendors and Glooms**  
2013 Newbery Honor Book! When a girl vanishes after the puppeteer Grisini and two orphaned assistants were at her twelfth birthday party, suspicion of kidnapping chases the trio away from London and soon the two orphans are caught in a trap set by Grisini's ancient rival, a witch with a deadly inheritance to shed before it is too late.

Schmidt, Gary  
**What Came from the Stars**  
In a desperate attempt for survival, a peaceful civilization on a faraway planet besieged by a dark lord sends its most precious gift across the cosmos into the lunchbox of sixth grader Tommy Pepper from Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Sheinkin, Steve  
**Bomb: the Race to Build—and Steal—the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon—**  
2013 Newbery Honor Book! This is the story of the plotting, the risk-taking, the deceit, and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon.

Snicket, Lemony  
"*Who Could That Be at This Hour?*"  
Thirteen-year-old Lemony Snicket begins his apprenticeship with S. Theodora Markson of the secretive V.F.D. in the tiny dot of a town called Stain'd By The Sea, where he
helps investigate a theft.

Stead, Rebecca  
**Liar & Spy**  
Seventh-grader Georges adjusts to moving from a house to an apartment, being picked on at school, and Safer, a homeschooled loner who lives in his building. Together the boys track a mysterious building resident Safer is sure is hiding a sinister secret.

Stewart, Trent Lee  
**The Extraordinary Education of Nicholas Benedict**  
Nine-year-old Nicholas Benedict, an orphan afflicted with an unfortunate nose and with narcolepsy, is sent to a new orphanage where he encounters vicious bullies, selfish adults, strange circumstances, and a mystery that could change his life forever.

Telgemeier, Raina  
**Drama**  
Callie rides an emotional roller coaster while serving on the stage crew for a middle school production of Moon over Mississippi as various relationships start and end, and others never quite get going.

Turnage, Sheila  
**Three Times Lucky**  
**2013 Newbery Honor Book!**  
Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel seem implicated in a murder.

Urban, Linda  
**The Center of Everything**  
Twelve-year-old Ruby finds her life spinning out of control in the wake of questionable choices and dreads an upcoming reading of her award-winning essay

**REALISTIC FICTION**

Abdel-Fattah, Randa  
*Where the Streets Had a Name*

Angelberger, Tim  
*The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* and sequel

Aronson, Sarah  
*Beyond Lucky*

Bauer, Joan  
*Close to Famous*

Birdsall, Jeanne  
*The Penderwicks* sequence

Connor, Leslie  
*Waiting for Normal*

Erskine, Kathryn  
*Mockingbird*

Feinstein, John  
*Rush for the Gold: Mystery at the Olympics* and others

Holm, Jennifer L.  
*Turtle in Paradise*

House, Silas & N. Vaswani  
*Same Sun Here*

Jacobsen, Jennifer R.  
*Small as an Elephant*

Lupica, Mike  
*True Legend* and others
Maas, Wendy  
Every Soul a Star

Ryan, Pan Munro  
Esperanza Rising

Sachar, Louis  
Holes and Small Steps

Springstubb, Tricia  
Mo Wren Lost and Found

Williams-Garcia, Rita  
One Crazy Summer

Yee, Lisa  
Warp Speed

**MYSTERY AND ADVENTURE**

Dowd, Siobhan  
The London Eye Mystery

Feinstein, John  
The Rivalry: Mystery at the Army-Navy Game and others
Frost, Helen  
Hidden

Gantos, Jack  
Dead End in Norvelt

Hiaasen, Carl  
Hoot and Flush and Scat and Chomp

Paulsen, Gary  
Hatchet and others

Springer, Nancy  
The Case of the Gypsy Good-Bye: An Enola Holmes Mystery

**HISTORICAL FICTION**

Alcott, Louisa May  
Little Women

Lai, Thanhha  
Inside Out and Back Again

Salisbury, Graham  
Eyes of the Emperor and Under the Blood-Red Sun

Selnick, Brian  
Wonderstruck: A Novel in Words and Pictures
The Invention of Hugo Cabret,
When You Reach Me

Stead, Rebecca  
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
Moon Over Manifest

Twain, Mark  
The Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place series

Vanderpool, Clare  
Wood, Maryrose

**FANTASY AND SCIENCE FICTION**

Babbitt, Natalie  
Tuck Everlasting

Baum, L. Frank  
The Wizard of Oz series

Bosch, Pseudonymous  
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Collins, Billy

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