

REQUIRED READING FOR SUMMER 2018

For students entering grade 6

Dear Parents,

While many students have ambitious reading programs of their own, we feel that some direction on our part for all students is in order. In support of this belief, the 6th grade reading teacher has prepared a summer reading requirement for students entering grade 6.

The requirement for students entering 6th grade is to read **three books**. **The books must be read before school starts on August 13, 2018.**

The first required book is a special project Runnels School is embarking on for our 4th-6th grade students, a shared reading experience called One School, One Book. Every 4th-6th grade student is being required to read the same book this summer – **Katherine Applegate's *Wishtree***. When a group of students reads the same book there is a lot to talk about! We will be talking about ***Wishtree*** throughout the first weeks of school and students will participate in several activities related to the book. While reading this book, it is **not required** for students to complete the graphic organizer.

The requirement for students entering 6th grade is to read **2 books** from the attached list of books. **The books must be read before school starts on August 13, 2018.** While reading their books, it is **required** for students to complete the attached graphic organizer for each book. The organizers will be due on the first day of school. During the first weeks of school, students will be expected to demonstrate that they read and understood their chosen books.

The East Baton Rouge Public Library would be an excellent source for books. Most local bookstores will have several of the titles and would assist you in ordering a title not on the shelves. Many, if not most, are available in paperback form. Unfortunately, borrowing from the school library is not an option – we're just not setup for circulation during the summer months.

If your child has already read several titles on the list, encourage him or her to select an "unread" title to read.

As always, thank you for your cooperation. Please feel free to email the reading teacher at m.mackay@runnels.org with any questions about the summer reading requirement.

Sincerely,

Marcia Mackay
Principal

6th Grade Summer Reading List 2018

Students are required to choose 2 books from the list below

The View from the Cherry Tree: by Roberts, Willo Davis

Rob admits having seen a murder, but no one believes him--except the murderer.

Stormbreaker: by Horowitz, Anthony

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, Alex is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency. Book #1

The Unwanteds: by McMann, Lisa

In a society that purges thirteen-year-olds who are creative, identical twins Aaron and Alex are separated, one to attend University while the other, supposedly Eliminated, finds himself in a wondrous place where youths learn magic. Book #1

Tesla's Attic: by Shusterman, Neal

With a plot combining science and the supernatural, four kids are caught up in a dangerous plan concocted by eccentric inventor Nikola Tesla. The coauthor is Eric Elfman. Book #1

The Fire of Ares: by Ford, Michael

When slaves rebel in ancient Sparta, Lysander, guarded by an heirloom amulet, is caught between the Spartan ruling class, with whom he has been training since his heritage was revealed, and those among whom he was recently laboring as a slave. Book #1

Fuzzy Mud: by Sachar, Louis

Two middle-grade kids take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world.

A Mango-Shaped Space: by Mass, Wendy

Afraid that she is crazy, thirteen-year-old Mia, who sees a special color with every letter, number, and sound, keeps this a secret until she becomes overwhelmed by school, changing relationships, and the death of her beloved cat, Mango.

Counting by 7s: by Sloan, Holly Goldberg

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

Athlete vs. Mathlete: by Mack, W.C.

When their two worlds collide in seventh grade, fraternal twins and opposites Owen and Russell find themselves in direct competition at school, on the court, and at home. Book #1

The Fourteenth Goldfish: by Holm, Jennifer L.

Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging and consequently has turned into a teenager, which makes for complicated relationships when her grandfather moves in with Ellie and her mother, Grandpa's daughter.

Loot: How to Steal a Fortune; by Watson, Jude

When Alfie McQuinn, the notorious jewel thief, is killed on a job, his last words to his son, March, are to "find jewels." This leads the boy to Jules, the twin sister he never knew he had, and the perfect partner to carry on the family business. Book #1

Took: A Ghost Story; by Hahn, Mary Downing

A witch called Old Auntie is lurking near Daniel's family's new home. He doesn't believe in her at first but is forced to accept that she is real and take action when his little sister, Erica, is "took" to become Auntie's slave for the next fifty years.

Ungifted by: Korman, Gordon

Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.

Story Thieves: by Riley, James

Owen's life is boring until he sees his classmate Bethany climb out of a book in the school library. He learns Bethany is half-fictional and has been searching every book she can find for her missing father, a fictional character. Book #1

Three Times Lucky by: Turnage, Sheila

Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now age eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder.

The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom by: Healy, Christopher

Liam, Frederic, Duncan, and Gustav, all former princes who had been rejected by their princesses and cast out of their castles, encounter trolls, witches, and dragons during their quest to become heroes. Book #1

Theodore Boone by John Grisham (any book in the series: Kid Lawyer, The

Abduction, The Accused, The Activist, The Fugitive) "Theo" Boone is a fictional character in a children's book series by John Grisham. Theodore Boone lives in the small American city of Strattenburg. At the beginning of the series, he is thirteen years old and dreams of being a lawyer one day.

Wrinkle in Time by: Madeleine L'Engle Meg Murry and her little brother, Charles Wallace, have been without their scientist father, Mr. Murry, for five years, ever since he discovered a new planet and used the concept known as a tesseract to travel there. Joined by others, the children brave a dangerous journey to a planet that possesses all of the evil in the universe.

Name _____

Sixth Grade Summer Reading Graphic Organizer

Please fill in this chart for each book as you read along.

Taking notes as you read will build comprehension and understanding of the story as well as prepare you to complete the summer reading project.

Book Title	
Author	
Characters	List three details describing each character
1.	(1.) _____ (2.) _____ (3.) _____
2.	(1.) _____ (2.) _____ (3.) _____
3.	(1.) _____ (2.) _____ (3.) _____
Setting	Time Period: _____ Place: _____
Main Problem in the Story	

<p>Timeline of Events: <i>Choose the ten most important events in the story and list them in the order which they happened. Be sure to include events from the beginning, the middle, and the end.</i></p>	<p>1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____</p>
<p>Rating: <i>How would you rate this book on a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the highest rating? Support and explain your rating choice in a complete sentence.</i></p>	<p>Your Rating: _____ Why: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____</p>