

REQUIRED READING FOR SUMMER 2019

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 **two books**. **The books must be read before school starts on August 12, 2019.**

The requirement for students entering 6th grade is to read **1 book** from each of the attached lists of books. **The books must be read before school starts on August 12, 2019.** While reading their books, it is **required** for students to complete **either** the attached graphic organizers or the Summer Reading Book Report Project **for each book**. The students can choose to complete a graphic organizer for one book and a Summer Reading Book Report Project for the other book or they can choose to complete a graphic organizer for each book or a Summer Reading Book Report for each book. The organizers and or Projects 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 will 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 set up 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 2019

Students entering 6th grade are required to choose their 1st book from the below list.

The View from the Cherry Tree by Willo Davis Roberts

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

The Unwanteds by Lisa McMann

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 Neal Shusterman

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 Michael Ford

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 Louis Sachar

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 Wendy Mass

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.

Athlete vs. Mathlete by W.C. Mack

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

Loot: How to Steal a Fortune by Jude Watson

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

The Girl in the Locked Room: A Ghost Story by Mary Downing Hahn

Jules, whose father is restoring an abandoned house, and Lily, a girl who lived there a century before, begin to communicate. Slowly, Lily's tragic story is revealed.

Ungifted by Gordon Korman

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.

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.

2019-2020 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice 6-8th Grade Title List
Students entering 6th grade are required to choose a second book from the below list.

All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jameson

Homeschooled by Renaissance fair enthusiasts, sixth grader Imogene has a hard time fitting in when her wish to enroll in public school is granted.

Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk

Twelve-year-old orphan Crow embarks on a journey to discover who her parents were and why they abandoned her on a small boat as an infant.

Brave by Svetlana Chmakova

Jensen's daydreaming gets put to the test by some hard realities when the stresses of middle school get totally out of control.

Clayton Byrd Goes Underground by Rita Williams-Garcia

Clayton feels most alive when he's playing music with his grandfather and the band of Bluesmen. He can't wait to join them just as soon as he has a blues song of his own, but then the unthinkable happens.

Forget Me Not by Ellie Terry

When her mother breaks up with yet another boyfriend, Calliope meets Jinsong at her latest middle school, who becomes her friend despite her Tourette Syndrome and the embarrassment it can cause.

Frogkisser! by Garth Nix

The evil duke has a bad habit of turning enemies into frogs, and only Anya and her magical lip balm can restore them. To save the kingdom, she is going to have to kiss a lot of frogs.

Greetings from Witness Protection! by Jake Burt

Nikki Demere is an orphan and a kleptomaniac, making her the perfect girl to portray the Trevors' daughter in witness protection.

In the Shadow of the Sun by Anne Sibley O'Brien

Twelve-year-old Mia is on a five-day tour of North Korea with her older brother and their father, but she is scared because her father keeps sneaking off at night, seeking to expose North Korean atrocities.

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

New friends and a mystery help Aven, thirteen, adjust to middle school and life at a dying western theme park in a new state, where her being born armless presents many challenges.

Refugee by Alan Gratz

Josef is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994. Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge.

Slider by Pete Hautman

Hoping to win a cash prize in a pizza eating contest after racking up a tab on his mother's credit card, David must juggle his competitive eating training with the responsibility of looking after his autistic brother.

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>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. _____2. _____3. _____4. _____5. _____6. _____7. _____8. _____9. _____10. _____
<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: _____</p> <p>Why: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

Summer Reading Book Report Project

wanted Poster

Choose two characters from your book and make a "wanted" poster for each (2 posters total). Research sample wanted posters to give you ideas of what you want it to look like. Information to include on your poster: the "crime," physical description, where the character was last seen, and reward amount. This works for all genres.

what to include on each poster

1. **Character's name**
2. **"Crime"** - what was the action in the story that caused a problem?
3. **Physical description** - Tell what the character looks like.
4. **where** the character was last seen - Inform the public where the character was when the book ended
5. **Reward** - How much is the person worth? Place a dollar amount on the capture and return of this character.