

Friends School Haverford

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Summer Reading for Students Entering Sixth Grade

The following is a suggested list of authors, along with some titles. This is only the tip of a wonderful iceberg, of course, and other level-appropriate authors, titles, or any nonfiction may be selected instead. You should read at least a little bit every day.

No matter how busy your summer, books can and should be a part of it. Even if you are traveling, books will be available at public libraries and at bookstores.

Please consider the Newbery winner list along with this one. We have eliminated duplicate entries between the lists.

Alcott, Louisa May	<i>Little Women; Eight Cousins; Rose in Bloom</i>
Alexander, Lloyd	<i>Prydain series; Westmark; The Illyrian Adventure</i>
Ames, Mildred	<i>Anna to the Infinite Power</i>
Anderson, Janet	<i>The Last Treasure</i>
Anderson, M.T.	<i>Whales on Stilts</i>
Arnold, Louise	<i>Golden & Grey</i>
Avi	<i>Night Journeys; Something Upstairs; Encounter at Easton</i>
Babbitt, Natalie	<i>Tuck Everlasting; The Search for Delicious</i>
Balliett, Blue	<i>Chasing Vermeer; The Wright 3</i>
Barry, Dave	<i>Peter and the Starcatchers</i>
Bauer, Joan	<i>Hope Was Here; Rules of the Road</i>
Bellairs, John	<i>The House with a Clock in Its Walls; The Curse of the Blue Figurine</i>
Birdsall, Jeanne	<i>The Penderwicks</i>
Birney, Betty	<i>The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs</i>
Blume, Judy	<i>Iggie's House; Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great</i>
Bodkin, Odds	<i>The Banshee Train</i>
Boyce, Frank Cottrell	<i>Framed</i>
Briggs, Andy	<i>Rise of the Heroes (Hero.com)</i>
Brittain, Bill	<i>The Wish Giver</i>
Brooks, Bruce	<i>The Moves Make the Man; Everywhere; What Hearts</i>
Buckingham, Royce	<i>Demonkeeper</i>
Burnford, Sheila	<i>The Incredible Journey</i>
Byars, Betsy	<i>The Pinballs; The Not-Just-Anybody Family; Summer of the Swans</i>
Cebulash, Mel	<i>Ruth Marini of the Dodgers</i>
Clements, Andrew	<i>Things Not Seen; A Week in the Woods</i>
Codell, Esme	<i>Sahara Special; Vive la Paris</i>
Cohen, Barbara	<i>Thank You, Jackie Robinson</i>
Colfer, Eoin	<i>Artemis Fowl; The Wish List; Half-Moon Investigations</i>
Cooney, Doug	<i>The Beloved Dearly</i>

Cooper, Susan	<i>Over Sea, under Stone</i> series; <i>Seaward</i> ; <i>The Boggart</i>
Curtis, Christopher P.	<i>Elijah of Buxton</i>
Curtis, Christopher P.	<i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>Boy</i> (autobiography)
Danziger, Paula	<i>P.S. – Longer Letter Later</i>
Demi	<i>Gahdhi</i>
Deriso, Christine Hurley	<i>Talia Talk.</i>
Dickinson, Peter	<i>Eva; A Bone from a Dry Sea</i>
Doder, Joshua	<i>A Dog Called Grk</i>
Doyle, Arthur Conan	<i>Sherlock Holmes</i> stories
Duane, Diane	<i>So You Want to Be a Wizard?</i>
Enright, Elizabeth	<i>The Saturdays; Gone-away Lake</i>
Farley, Walter	<i>The Black Stallion</i> series
Fardell, John	<i>The 7 Professors of the Far North</i>
Farmer, Nancy	<i>The Ear, the Eye and the Arm; A Girl Named Disaster; The Sea of Trolls</i>
Farmer, Penelope	<i>Charlotte Sometimes</i>
Fine, Anne	<i>Alias Madam Doubtfire; My War with Goggle Eyes.</i>
Frank, Anne	<i>The Diary of a Young Girl</i>
Funke, Cornelia	<i>The Thief Lord; The Dragon Rider</i>
Gantos, Jack	<i>Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key</i>
George, Jean C.	<i>My Side of the Mountain; Julie of the Wolves</i>
Giff, Patricia Reilly	<i>Pictures of Hollis Woods</i>
Gilbreth, Frank B.	<i>Cheaper by the Dozen</i>
Griffin, Peni	<i>Switching Well; The Ghost Sitter</i>
Gutman, Dan	<i>Shoeless Joe and Me; Jackie and Me; The Get Rich Quick Club</i>
Haarsma, P.J.	<i>The Softwire</i> series
Hamilton, Virginia	<i>Zeely; The House of Dies Drear</i>
Heinlein, Robert	<i>Have Space Suit, Will Travel</i>
Hiassen, Carl	<i>Hoot; Flush</i>
Hill, Kirkpatrick	<i>The Year of Miss Agnes</i>
Honey, Elizabeth	<i>Remote Man; Fiddleback</i>
Ibbotson, Eva	<i>Journey to the River Sea; Which Witch?</i>
Jaffe, Nina	<i>While Standing on One Foot</i>
Johnson, Dolores	<i>Now Let Me Fly</i>
Jones, Diana Wynn	<i>Howl's Moving Castle; The Magicians of Caprona</i>
Kendall, Carol	<i>The Gammage Cup; The Whisper of Glocken</i>
Keyes, Daniel	<i>Flowers for Algernon</i>
Krull, Kathleen	<i>Lives of the Musicians</i>
Lang, Andrew	<i>The Blue Fairy Book; The Red... etc.</i>
Law, Ingrid	<i>Savvy</i>
L'Engle, Madeleine	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> series
Levine, Gail Carson	<i>The Princess Tales</i> series; <i>Dave at Night</i>
Levitan, Sonia	<i>The Golem and Dragon Girl</i>

Lewis, C. S.	<i>Chronicles of Narnia series</i>
Lowry, Lois	<i>Anastasia Krupnik series</i>
Mahy, Margaret	<i>The Changeover; The Haunting</i>
Mass, Wendy	<i>Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life</i>
Mayhar, Ardath	<i>Medicine Walk</i>
McIntyre, Vonda	<i>Barbary</i>
McKinley, Robin	<i>The Blue Sword</i>
Merrill, Jean	<i>The Pushcart War</i>
Montgomery, Lucy M.	<i>Anne of Green Gables series</i>
Murphy, Jim	<i>An American Plague</i>
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Scorpions</i>
Naylor, Phillis Reynolds	<i>The Agony of Alice</i>
Nelson, Theresa	<i>Earthshine</i>
Nesbit, E.	<i>Five Children and It</i>
Newman, Robert	<i>The Case of the Baker Street Irregular</i>
Nix, Garth	<i>Mister Monday (Keys to the Kingdom series)</i>
Norton, Andre	<i>Lavender-green Magic; Moon of Three Rings</i>
Norton, Mary	<i>The Borrowers series</i>
Nye, Naomi Shihab	<i>Habibi</i>
O'Dell, Scott	<i>Sarah Bishop</i>
Osorne, Mary Pope	<i>Haunted Waters</i>
Paolini, Christopher	<i>Eragon series</i>
Pascoe, Elaine	<i>Fooled You! Fakes and Hoaxes through the Years</i>
Paterson, Katherine	<i>The Great Gilly Hopkins; Park's Quest</i>
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Hatchet; Canyons</i>
Peck, Richard	<i>The Ghost Belonged to Me series; Voices after Midnight</i>
Polacco, Patricia	<i>Pink and Say</i>
Pratchett, Terry	<i>The Wee Free Men; A Hat Full of Sky</i>
Price, Leontyne	<i>Aida</i>
Pyle, Howard	<i>The Wonder Clock; The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood</i>
Ransome, Arthur	<i>Swallows and Amazons</i>
Riordan, Rick	<i>Percy Jackson series</i>
Rowling, J.K.	<i>Harry Potter series</i>
Schmidt, Gary D.	<i>The Wednesday Wars</i>
Schwartz, Alvin	<i>Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark</i>
Schwartz, Howard	<i>The Diamond Tree: Jewish Tales from around the World</i>
Sanderson, Brandon	<i>Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians</i>
Sebesteyn, Ouida	<i>Words By Heart</i>
Singer, Marilyn	<i>What Stinks?</i>
Sleator, William	<i>Boltzman!; Others See Us</i>
Snyder, Zilpha K.	<i>The Egypt Game</i>
Speare, Elizabeth	<i>Sign of the Beaver</i>
Stanley, Diane	<i>Cleopatra; A Time Apart; Shaka, King of the Zulus</i>

Stewart, Trenton Lee	<i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i>
Stone, Phoebe	<i>Deep Down Popular</i>
Taylor, Mildred	<i>Song of the Trees; Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i> series
Taylor, Sidney	<i>All-of-a-kind Family</i> series
Taylor, Theodore	<i>The Cay; The Trouble with Tuck</i>
Thompson, Kate	<i>The New Policeman</i>
Thurber, James	<i>The Thirteen Clocks</i>
Tolan, Stephanie	<i>Surviving the Applewhites</i>
Tolkein, J. R. R.	<i>The Hobbit; The Lord of the Rings</i> series
Townley, Roderick	<i>The Great Good Thing</i>
Turner, Megan	<i>The Thief</i>
Van Allsburg, Chris	<i>The Sweetest Fig</i>
Van Draanen, Wendelin	<i>Shredderman</i> series; <i>Sammy Keyes</i> series
Vos, Ida	<i>Anna is Still Here</i>
Wallace, Rich	<i>Winning Season</i> series
Waugh, Sylvia	<i>The Mennymys; Space Race; Earthborn</i>
Wersba, Barbara	<i>Walter, the Story of a Rat</i>
Williams-Garcia, Rita	<i>One Crazy Summer</i>
Yep, Laurence	<i>Dragonwings</i>
Yolen, Jane	<i>The Devil's Arithmetic</i>

Some good magazines to investigate:

Appleseeds

Ask

Calliope

Cobblestone

Cricket

Dig

Faces

Kids Discover

Muse

Odyssey

Sports Illustrated for Kids