



## REQUIRED 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUMMER READING

**2 books**

*Swiss Family Robinson* by Johann David Wyss

*Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling

*Hinds Feet on High Places* by Hannah Hurnard

Each rising sixth grade student will be required to choose **one** of the above books to read. They should be ready to complete a writing assignment with their teacher upon return to school in August. The writing assignment which will be completed in class will be about the book they have chosen from the above list.

Each student should choose one additional book from the *Summer Reading List* attached. Please choose a book that has not been read in the past. Please return the reading log identifying the books that have been read.

It is important to give children dominion in the area of reading. This will contribute in important ways to their future success in, and enjoyment of the written word. In addition to having your child read books from the attached list, you may choose certain selections for family read-aloud. When reading to children, it is critical to keep the length appropriate. After reading a short passage, we suggest that you informally ask your child to tell back what he or she has heard, in order to improve comprehension, sequencing, synthesis, concentration, and enjoyment. You may also want to take a turn to narrate! Do not do this in a heavy-handed way, but rather with joy and enthusiasm, informally. Do not make it into a chore, or necessarily do it every time, or the child may come to not enjoy it. There are obviously many more good books that are available. This list is only the beginning! Your librarian can assist you if you tell the type of literature you desire. The terminology they will best understand is "classic literature." Remember that, with regard to all book suggestions, it is always *your* responsibility as the parent to assess a book's suitability for you and your family. We have included books which employ fantastical themes, due to the fact that we encourage children to enjoy the proper use of imagination. This is an important aspect of development, and one in which parents are urged to give their child guidance. That is, your child will be *looking to you* to help define the lines of fantasy versus reality and the proper guidelines therein. Some of these books may not be available in libraries, but it is always a good idea to request that they purchase them. There is a current trend in public libraries to purge many of the good, old classics. By requesting them, this is a way that we can change our culture for the good. If they are not in your local library, you may want to check used bookstores. Enjoy!

On the sheet enclosed, please keep track of the books your child reads or those that you have read to him or her this summer. You will give this record to your child's teacher at the beginning of school.



## Summer Reading List for Rising Sixth Grade Students

Alcott, Louisa May  
Andreola, Karen  
Byars, Betsy  
Burnford, Shelia  
Bussell, Darcy  
Clever,  
De Jong, Meindert  
Dodge, Mary Mapes  
Enright, Elizabeth  
Erickson, Paul  
Field, Rachel  
Fleming, Ian  
Gallico, Paul  
Gates, Doris  
George, Jean Craighead  
Gray, Elizabeth Jane  
Hinman, Bonnie

Jacques, Brian  
James, Will  
Jester, Norton  
Kelly, Eric P.  
L'Engle Madeleine  
Lenski, Lois  
Lampton, Christopher  
LasCasas, Bartholomew  
Little, Jean  
Lofting, Hugh  
MacDonald, George  
Marshall, Catherine  
McPherson, Joyce  
Mitton, Simon and Jacqueline  
Montgomery, Lucy Maude  
North, Sterling  
Oz, Amos  
Pinocchio  
Rawls, Wilson  
Robertson, Keith  
Selden  
Seredy, Kate

Jack and Jill  
Beautiful Girlhood  
The Summer of the Swans  
The Incredible Journey  
The Young Dancer  
Where the Lilies Bloom  
Wheel on the School  
Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates  
Thimble Summer  
Daily life on a Southern Plantation  
Hitty, Her First Hundred Years  
Chitty, Chitty, Bang Bang  
Snow Goose  
Blue Willow  
On the Far side of the Mountain  
Adam of the Road  
Benjamin Banneker: American Mathematician and Astronomer, Colonial Leaders' Series  
Redwall  
Smoky the Cow Horse  
Phantom Tollbooth  
The Trumpeter of Krakow  
Meet the Austins, A Wrinkle in Time  
Indian Captive, Strawberry Girl  
Werner Von Braun: A Biography  
The Log of Christopher Columbus' First Voyage to America  
From Anna, Listen to the Singing, Take Wing  
The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle  
Golden Key  
Adventures in Prayer, Beyond Ourselves  
A Piece of the Mountain The Biography of Blaise Paschal  
The Flying Scotsman: A Biography about Eric Liddell  
Anne of Green Gables, Anne of Avonlea  
Rascal  
Soumchi  
Carlo Collodi  
Summer of the Monkeys  
Henry Reed Inc.  
The Cricket in Time Square  
The Good Master, The White Stag

Sidney, Margaret	<u><i>Five Little Peppers</i></u>
Smith, Dodie	<u><i>101 Dalmations</i></u>
Stolz, Mary	<u><i>Dog on Barkham Street</i></u>
Stonaker, Frances Benson	<u><i>Famous Mathematicians</i></u>
Swift, Jonathan	<u><i>Gulliver's Travels</i></u>
Terhune, Albert Payson	<u><i>Lad: A Dog</i></u>
Tolkien, J.R.R.	<u><i>The Hobbit</i></u>
Wells, H.G.	<u><i>The Time Machine</i></u>
White, T.H.	<u><i>The Sword and the Stone</i></u>
Yolen, Jane	<u><i>The Dragon's Boy</i></u>

The following selections are Living Books from the "My Name is America" series, and are written from a boy's perspective. They are in diary form about life in a particular period of history.

***Journal of Augustus Pelletier: The Lewis and Clark Expedition*** by Kathryn Lasky  
***Journal of Biddy Owen: The Negro Leagues*** by Walter Dean Myers  
***Journal of James Edmund Reese: Civil War Union Soldier*** by Jim Murphy ***Journal of Jasper Jonathan Pierce: A Pilgrim Boy, Plimoth Plantation 1620*** by Ann Rinaldi  
***Journal of Scott Pendleton Collins: A WW II Soldier*** by Walter Dean Myers  
***Journal of William Thomas Emerson: A Revolutionary War Patriot*** by Barry Denenberg

The following selections are Living Books from the "Dear America" series, and are written from a girl's perspective. They are in diary form about life in a particular period of history.

***Across the Wide and Lonesome Prairie*** by Kristiana Gregory  
***A Light in the Storm: The Civil War Diary of Amelia Martin*** by Karen Hesse  
***My Secret War: The WW II Diary of Madeline Beck*** by Mary Pope Osborne  
***A Picture of Freedom: The Diary of Clotee—A Slave Girl 1859*** by Patricia McKissack  
***So Far From Home: The Diary of Mary Driscoll—An Irish Mill Girl*** by Barry Denenberg  
***Standing in the Light: The Captive Diary of Catherine Carey Logan 1763*** by Mary Pope Osborne  
***Voyage on the Great Titanic: The Diary of Mary Ann Brady 1912*** by Ellen Emerson White  
***West to a Land of Plenty*** by Jim Murphy  
***When Will This Cruel War Be Over? The Diary of Emma Simpson 1864*** by Barry Denenberg  
***A Journey to the New World: The Diary of Remember Patience Whipple*** by Kathryn Lasky