

Summer Reading List for Students Entering Grade 6

REQUIRED: Paulsen, Gary. Hatchet

In addition to reading and completing the study guide for the required book noted above, students entering 6th grade must read at least one of the following books and complete a study guide for it.

Please do not make any substitutions. Select readings only from the list below.

FICTION:

Gantos, Jack. Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key

To the constant disappointment of his mother and teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription medication wears off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired.

Gantos, Jack. Joey Pigza Loses Control

Sequel to *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key*. Joey, who is still taking medication to keep him from getting too wired, goes to spend the summer with the hard-drinking father he has never known and tries to help the baseball team he coaches win the championship.

Hahn, Mary Downing. Daphne's Book

As author Jessica and artist Daphne collaborate on a picture book for a seventh-grade English class contest, Jessica becomes aware of conditions in Daphne's home life that seem to threaten her health and safety.

Howe, James. The Misfits

Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names.

Namioka, Lensey. Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear

Recently arrived in Seattle from China, musically untalented Yingtao is faced with giving a violin performance to attract new students for his father when he would rather be working on friendships and playing baseball.

Spinelli, Jerry. Crash

Seventh-grader John "Crash" Coogan has always been comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior, until his relationship with an unusual Quaker boy and his grandfather's stroke make him consider the meaning of friendship and the importance of family.

NON-FICTION:

Select any title(s) from any series listed below. The series title and publisher are indicated.

Eyewitness Books (DK/Dorling Kindersley) – numerous titles

Food & Feasts (New Discovery Books) – 8 titles

Mythology Around the World (Rosen Central) – 5 titles

Religion in Focus (Smart Apple Media) – 6 titles

Technology of the Ancient World (Rosen Central) – 6 titles

This list has been forwarded to the West Hempstead Public Library, Barnes & Noble (Carle Place) and Borders Books and Music (Westbury, near Fortunoff's).
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