



Discovery Schools

Summer Reading List: Incoming 6th Graders

Parents and Students, we would like you to enjoy your summer and enjoy your summer reading as well. Therefore we have provided a varied list of books to choose from this summer.

Remember the only way to get better at reading is to continue to read! So pick something you think you'll be interested in. *Summer Reading is NOT optional*. Your teacher WILL expect students to have read their books and completed their assignments by the first day of school. Please read this entire document to make sure the entire assignment is completed.

Please note: Parents are highly encouraged to evaluate, approve, and even read the choices made by their children. Please help your child choose a book that is appropriate to their reading level based on the Lexile levels. If you have any questions, please email the 6th grade ELA teachers. Teacher email addresses are linked to the KDHSA home page.

Required novel for all incoming 6th graders: Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Student choice - Students must read one book from the list below:

- Blended by Sharon Draper
- Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan
- The Watsons Go To Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis
- Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan
- Girls Who Code: Learn to Code and Change the World by Reshma Saujani (non-fiction)
- Earthquakes by Michele Ingber Drohan (non-fiction)
- The Kid Who Invented the Popsicle and Other Extraordinary Stories behind everyday things. By Don L. Wulffs (non-fiction)
- Something Rotten: A fresh Look at Roadkill by Heather L. Montgomery (non-fiction)
- Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai

The required novel will be discussed within the first few weeks of school to focus on skills such as: character, plot, vocabulary, etc.
There will then be a whole novel test.

Choice novel assignment:

Using the link below to create a video response about your novel using the book report template below.

Use this link <https://flipgrid.com/fbdc1aba>

OR

Go to flipgrid.com and use the code fbdc1aba

Note that the book report templates are different for fiction and non-fiction novels.

If you cannot access the flipgrid simply fill out the report template below. Templates must be written in complete sentences. You can also reach out to kelia.dufrene@discoveryhsf.org.

Book Report Template for choice novel: Fiction

Your Name:

Book Title and Author:

Description of Setting:

Description of the Main Character:

Summary of the book including the problem or conflict:

Your Favorite Part:

Would you recommend this book? Explain your reason why.

Book Template for choice novel: Nonfiction

Your Name:

Book Title and Author:

Summary of Book:

What are 2 or more interesting facts you learned?:

What are 2 or more new words you learned? What do they mean?:

What is one question about the topic you are still interested in learning?

(If there are illustrations) How does the author use the illustrations to help you understand the material?

Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?