

## Kennett Middle School

### Sixth Grade Summer Reading Requirements

Nothing fosters a culture of readers like the power of choice. With that in mind, our goal for summer reading is for students to explore new genres and authors by picking novels that truly interest them. Regardless of what level Language Arts you are taking next year, **you are expected to read a minimum of two novels that are sufficiently challenging to you as a reader.** Be prepared to work in small group discussions and complete in-class writing activities related to your novels at the start of the school year. You should complete the two graphic organizers to be adequately prepared.

Your future sixth grade ELA teachers and librarian hope you have an amazing summer, and we can't wait to meet you! Here are some of our favorite middle level and YA reads:

<i>Amina's Voice</i> by Hena Khan (RF)	<i>My Side of the Mountain</i> by Jean Craighead George (RF, A)	<i>Schooled</i> by Gordon Korman (RF)	<i>Remarkables</i> by Margaret Peterson Haddix (F)
<i>One for the Murphys</i> by Linda Mullaly Hunt (RF)	<i>Ghost</i> by Jason Reynolds (RF)	<i>Restart</i> by Gordon Korman (RF)	<i>Storm Watcher</i> by Maria V. Snyder (RF, A)
<i>Shouting At the Rain</i> by Linda Mullaly Hunt (RF)	<i>Smile</i> by Raina Telgemeier (GN, RF)	<i>The Thing About Jellyfish</i> by Ali Benjamin (RF)	<i>Refugee</i> by Alan Gratz (HF)
<i>Fish in a Tree</i> by Lynda Mullaly Hunt (RF)	<i>The Trap</i> by Steven Arntson (F)	<i>Armstrong and Charlie</i> by Steven B. Frank (HF)	<i>Moo: A Novel</i> by Sharon Creech (NV)
<i>Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading</i> by Tommy Greenwald (RF, H)	<i>The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle</i> by Leslie Connor (RF, M)	<i>Life As We Knew It</i> by Susan Beth Pfeffer (SF)	<i>Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team</i> by Steve Sheinkin (NF)
<i>A Night Divided</i> by Jennifer A. Nielsen (HF)	<i>Counting By 7s</i> by Holly Goldberg Sloan (RF)	<i>One Crazy Summer</i> by Rita Williams-Garcia (HF)	<i>Out of My Mind</i> by Sharon M. Draper (RF)
<i>Resistance</i> by Jennifer A. Nielsen (HF)	<i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i> by Kate DiCamillo (RF)	<i>New Kid</i> by Jerry Craft (GN, RF, H)	<i>The Crossover</i> by Kwame Alexander (NV, RF)
<i>The One and Only Ivan</i> by K.A. Applegate (RF)	<i>Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus</i> by Dusti Bowling (RF, M)	<i>Because of Mr. Terupt</i> by Rob Buyea (RF)	<i>Ghost Boys</i> by Jewell Parker Rhodes (RF)
<i>Zane and the Hurricane</i> by Rodman Philbrick (HF, A)	<i>Wildfire</i> by Rodman Philbrick (RF, A)	<i>Good Dog</i> by Dan Gemeinhart (RF)	<i>Towers Falling</i> by Jewell Parker Rhodes (RF)

RF: Realistic Fiction

NV: Novel in Verse

NF: Nonfiction

F: Fantasy

SF: Science Fiction

HF: Historical Fiction

GN: Graphic Novel

M: Mystery

A: Adventure

H: Humor

For more guidance choosing a book, check out the resources below.

- [Scholastic Summer Reading](#)
- [Shelf Stuff Summer Reading Challenge](#)
- [Coretta Scott King Award Winners](#)
- [Newbery Award Winners](#)

It matters more to us that the students are engaged in and challenged by what they are reading than the titles themselves. Any age-appropriate title will suffice for the in-class activities at the start of the school year.

**Happy reading!**