

Rising 6th graders

The books listed below are recommended books for students who have finished 5th grade and are about to start 6th grade. These titles are not required reading, but aim to guide parents and students.

Fiction Books:

- **The Thing About Jellyfish** by Ali Benjamin
- **Better Nate Than Ever** by Tim Federle
- **Four Eyes** by Rex Ogle
- **And Then, Boom** by Lisa Fipps
- **Living With Viola** by Rosena Fung
- **The Someday Birds** by Sally Pla
- **See You in the Cosmos** by Jack Cheng
- **The List of Things That Will Not Change** by Rebecca Stead
- **Rebound** by Kwame Alexander
- **Swim Team** by Johnnie Christmas
- **Listen, Slowly** by Thanhha Lai
- **Lost in the Sun** by Lisa Graff
- **Hello, Universe** by Erin Entrada Kelly
- **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas** by John Boyne
- **The 6th Grade Nickname Game** by Gordon Korman
- **365 Days of Wonder: Mr. Browne's Book of Precepts** by R. J. Palacio
- **Pax** by Sara Pennypacker
- **Front Desk** by Kelly Yang
- **Awkward** by Svetlana Chmakova
- **The Perfect Score** by Rob Buyea
- **Stargazing** by Jen Wang
- **5 Worlds series** by Mark Siegel
- **Class Action** by Steven Frank
- **Dear Student** by Elly Swartz

Memoir and Nonfiction:

- **The Boy on the Wooden Box** by Leons Leyson
- **Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings** by Margarita Engle
- **The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Edition)** by Daniel Brown
- **Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World** by Penelope Bagieu
- **America's Tea Parties: Not One but Four!** By Marissa Moss
- **A Dog's Way Home** by W. Bruce Cameron
- **Timelines of Everything** (DK Smithsonian)
- **How Things Work: Then and Now** by T. J. Resler
- **Golden: The Miraculous Rise of Stephen Curry** by Marcus Thompson II

- **101 Small Ways to Change the World** by Aubre Andrus
- **Real Friends** by Shannon Hale
- **Stories for boys who dare to be different: true tales of amazing boys who changed the world without killing dragons** by Ben Brooks
- **Surviving Middle School: Navigating the Halls, Riding the Social Rollercoaster, and Unmasking the Real You** by Luke Reynolds