

Rising 6th Grade Summer Reading 2024

All reading and assignments should be completed by the first day of school. You must bring a print or digital copy of your books with you to class in August.

Each 6th grader should read 3 books and complete the assignment for *The Wild Robot*:

- 1. *The Wild Robot*, the required 6th grade reading book--and complete the assignment that is listed below.**
- 2. 1 Stuart Gibbs book--there is no assignment, just reading**
- 3. 1 book off of the 6th grade choice list--there is no assignment, just reading**

1. Required: read *The Wild Robot* and complete the assignment

The Wild Robot (Wild Robot series, bk. 1) by Peter Brown

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.

6th Grade English Assignment for *The Wild Robot*:

1. Pick 3 chapters (1 chapter from the beginning, 1 chapter from the middle, and 1 chapter from the end of the book)
2. On a post-it note or in the book itself, write 1 sentence for each of these 3 chapters that summarizes what happened. Use the below format to write your summary.
3. **In your sentence, answer who-what-when-where-why-how?**
 - *Example: One summer morning, Opal goes to the library and meets Miss Franny Block, a quirky older lady, and Miss Franny then proceeds to tell Opal about the Civil War.*

2. Visiting Author Book (choose to read ONE of the books below). There is no written assignment for this book. Please read and enjoy, and be prepared to discuss and to complete assignments on this book in class this August.

Visiting Author Book List (choose 1): Stuart Gibbs

Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation bk 1 * Charlie Thorne Series

The CIA forces twelve-year-old Charlotte "Charlie" Thorne, a rebellious genius, to use her code-breaking skills on an epic global chase to locate Einstein's last equation before dangerous agents discover it and unlock the solution to harnessing energy.

Spy School bk 1 *Spy School Series

Twelve-year-old Ben Ripley leaves his public middle school to attend the CIA's highly secretive Espionage Academy, which everyone is told is an elite science school.

Belly Up: Murder at FunJungle bk 1 *FunJungle Series

Twelve-year-old Teddy investigates when a popular Texas zoo's star attraction--Henry the hippopotamus--is murdered.

3. 6th grade choice book (choose to read ONE of the books below). There is no written assignment for this book. Please read and enjoy, and be prepared to discuss and to complete assignments on this book in class this August.

6th Grade Choice Book List (choose 1):

Finding Langston (Finding Langston series, bk. 1) by Lesa Cline-Ransome

It's 1946 and Langston is leaving rural Alabama following his mother's death a few months earlier, to move into a dingy apartment with his father Henry. This small apartment is lonely with just the two of them, but his new home has one fantastic thing, the local public library which welcomes everyone. But Langston must avoid classmates Lymon, Clem, and Erroll, who continuously and relentlessly bully him.

Schooled by Gordon Korman

A heartwarming and humorous tale that follows fourteen-year-old Cap Anderson's transition from a commune, where a group of people live together and share possessions and responsibilities to a public school. The clash of his unconventional upbringing with the conventional middle school environment leads to hilarious situations. As Cap unintentionally becomes the center of attention, he learns valuable lessons on acceptance, friendship, and the true meaning of being schooled.

The Insignificant Events of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

This compelling tale of resilience and friendship. Aven, born without arms, faces the challenges of a new school in the Arizona desert with courage and humor. As she navigates the ups and downs of adolescence, Aven discovers the power of self-acceptance and the extraordinary impact of ordinary moments. Author Dusti Bowling crafts a heartwarming narrative that celebrates diversity, making this book an inspiring and touching read.

Framed! (T.O.A.S.T. mysteries, bk. 1) by James Ponti

What if you're halfway through your homework and the Director of the FBI texts you for help? What do you do? Save your grade? Or save the country? If you're Florian Bates, you figure out a way to do both. Twelve year-old Florian has just moved to Washington. He's learning his way around using TOAST, which stands for the *Theory of All Small Things*. It's a technique he invented to solve life's little mysteries such as: where to sit on the first day of

school, or which Chinese restaurant has the best egg rolls. Florian and his new friend Margaret must decipher clues and finish his homework in time to help the FBI solve the case.

Solimar by Pam Munoz Ryan

When Solimar was a little girl, she went to the oyamel forest bordering her kingdom to observe the monarch butterflies during their migration. Solimar always kept herself at a safe distance. Now, on the brink of her quinceañera and her official coronation, Solimar crosses the dangerous creek to sit among the butterflies. There, a mysterious event gives her a gift and a burden--the responsibility to protect the young and weak butterflies with her magical rebozo, or silk shawl.

Masterminds (Masterminds series, bk. 1) by Gordon Korman

Eli lives in the most perfect town in the world, Serenity, New Mexico. All is perfect until one day, when all the kids learn that as an experiment, they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest criminal masterminds in history.

The Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore

A boy tries to steer a safe path through the projects in Harlem in the wake of his brother's death that celebrates community and creativity. It's Christmas Eve in Harlem, but twelve-year-old Lolly Rachpaul and his mom aren't celebrating. They're still reeling from his older brother's death that took place just a few months earlier.