

Rising 8th 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:

- **Scythe** by Neal Shusterman
- **The Neverending Story** by Michael Ende
- **Lily & Dunkin** by Donna Gephart
- **American Born Chinese** by Gene Yang
- **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night** by Mark Haddon
- **The Hunger Games Trilogy** by Suzanne Collins
- **I am Princess X** by Cherie Priest
- **Hoot** by Carl Hiaasen
- **The Red Pencil** by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- **Love from A to Z** by S. K. Ali
- **Loot** by Jude Watson
- **Revolution is Not a Dinner Party** by Ying Chang Compestine 📖
- **White Smoke** by Tiffany D. Jackson
- **The Summer I Saved the World... in 65 Days** by Michele Weber Hurwitz
- **Mascot** by Charles Waters
- **Children of Eden series** by Joey Graceffa
- **The Reckless Club** by Beth Vrabel
- **Dear Martin** by Nic Stone
- **The Prince and the Dressmaker** by Jen Wang
- **Fire & Heist** by Sara Beth Durst
- **The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B** by Teresa Toten
- **Crush** by Svetlana Chmakova
- **Prairie Lotus** by Linda Sue Park
- **Love in English** by Maria E. Andreu
- **Girl, Serpent, Thorn** by Melissa Bashardoust
- **The Cool Code** by Deirdre Langeland
- **Rated** by Melissa Grey
- **The Cousins** by Karen McManus

Memoir and Nonfiction:

- **Brown Girl Dreaming** by Jacqueline Woodson
- **Fast Food Nation** by Eric Schlosser
- **Look Me in the Eye** by John Elder Robinson
- **The Rise of Superman: Decoding the Science of Ultimate Human Performance** by Steven Kotler
- **Becoming: Young Reader's Edition** by Michelle Obama
- **Thing Explainer: Complicated Stuff in Simple Words** by Randall Munroe
- **Quiet Power: The Secret Strength of Introverts** by Susan Cain
- **How to be an Antiracist** by Ibram X Kendi
- **Ink Knows No Borders: Poems of the Immigrant and Refugee Experience** edited by Patrice Vecchione
- **American Like Me: Reflections on Life Between Cultures** by America Ferrera
- **Go Be Kind: 28 ½ Adventures Guaranteed to Make You Happier** by Leon Logothetis
- **They Called Us Enemy** by George Takei
- **The (Other) F Word: A Celebration of the Fat and the Fierce** edited by Angie Manfredi
- **The Anxiety Survival Guide for Teens** by Jennifer Shannon
- **Almost American Girl** by Robin Ha