**Grade 6 Summer Reading**

**Required Reading**
**All students must read:**Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (Newbery Winner)
Title available in paperback and as an e-book. MCPL has 46 copies.

**Recommended Reading**
**Realistic Fiction / Mystery**
I Kill the Mockingbird – Paul Acampora
Chasing Vermeer (trilogy) - Blue Balliett
The Penderwicks (series) - Jeanne Birdsall
Masterpiece – Elise Broach
Moo (other titles) - Sharon Creech
Raymie Nightingale – Kate Di Camillo
London Eye Mystery - Siobhan Dowd
Out of My Mind - Sharon M. Draper
Absolutely Truly – Heather Frederick
Space Case (series and other series) – Stuart Gibbs
Absolutely Almost – Lisa Graff
My Louisiana Sky - Kimberly Willis Holt
Fish in a Tree – Lynda Hunt
Roller Girl (graphic novel) – Victoria Jamieson
The Great Greene Heist (sequel) – Varian Johnson
Rules - Cynthia Lord
The Only Game (series) – Mike Lupica
Rain Reign – Ann Martin
Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life – Wendy Mass
Wonder (sequel)– R.J. Palacio
Hatchet (series) - Gary Paulsen
Paint the Wind - Pam M. Ryan
The Mysterious Benedict Society (series) - Trenton Lee Stewart

**Historical Fiction**
The Shakespeare Stealer (trilogy) - Gary Blackwood
The War That Saved My Life (Newbery) – Kimberly Bradley
Stella by Starlight – Sharon Draper
The Black Stallion (series) – Walter Farley
Lily’s Crossing (Newbery)(series)– Patricia Reilly Giff
Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales (graphic novel)(series) – Nathan Hale
Our Only May Amelia (Newbery) (sequel) - Jennifer Holm
Hero on a Bicycle – Shirley Hughes
The Thieves of Ostia (Roman Mysteries series) - Caroline Lawrence
Anne of Green Gables (series) – L. M. Montgomery
Kensuke’s Kingdom (other titles)- Michael Morpurgo
Island of the Blue Dolphins - Scott O’Dell
On the Wings of Heroes – Richard Peck
The Upstairs Room - Johanna Reiss
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry (Newbery)(trilogy) - Mildred Taylor

**Fantasy/Myths/Fables/Folklore**
The One and Only Ivan ( Newbery) - Katherine Applegate
Tuck Everlasting - Natalie Babbitt
Circus Mirandus – Cassie Beasley
The Iron Trial (sequel) – Holly Black
Flunked (series) – Jen Calonita
The Land of Stories (series) – Chris Colfer
The Illiad –Gillian Cross
Ranger’s Apprentice (series) - John Flanagan
Inkheart (series) - Conelia Funke
The Gammage Cup (Newbery) - Carol Kendall
Savvy (trilogy) - Ingrid Law
Ella Enchanted (other titles) – Gail Carson Levine
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (series) - C.S. Lewis
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon (Newbery)(series) – Grace Lin
Bliss (series) – Kathryn Littlewood
A Snicker of Magic - Natalie Lloyd
The Door by the Staircase – Katherine Marsh
11 Birthdays (series) – Wendy Mass
Percy Jackson and the Olympians (series and all other series) - Rick Riordan
Harry Potter (series) - J.K. Rowling
A Series of Unfortunate Events (series) – Lemony Snicket
The Egypt Game (newbery) (sequel) – Zilpha Keatley Snyder
The Secret Keepers – Trenton Lee Stewart
Odysseus in the Serpent Maze - Jane Yolen & Robert J. Harris

**Autobiography/Biography/Nonfiction**
Terrible Typhoid Mary – Susan Campbell Bartoletti
Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini - Sid Fleischman
Give Me Liberty (other titles) – Russell Freedman
The Endless Steppe - Esther Hautzig
The Story of Salt - Mark Kurlansky
Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall – Anita Silvey
The Frog Scientist (Any of the Scientists in the Field series) - Pamela S. Turner
Big Top Burning – Laura Woollett

**For the first week of school, Sixth Graders are asked to:**

1. Have read **three** books - **one** required and at least **two** others from the recommended list.

2. Be prepared to discuss and take a quiz in class on the required book, Number the Stars by Lois Lowry.

3. Turn in a one-page typed report for each of the **two** other books from the recommended reading list. Half of the page should be a summary. The other half should include reactions, thoughts, and feelings about the book.

4. Turn in a list of all summer reading signed by parents. Include the title and author of each selection.

**Grade 7 Summer Reading**

**Required Reading**
**All students must read:**A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
Title available in paperback and as an e-book. MCPL has 32 copies.

**Recommended Reading**
**Realistic Fiction/ Mystery**
Close to Famous – Jane Bauer
My name is Parvana (series) - Deborah Ellis
The Honest Truth – Dan Geimeinhart
My Side of the Mountain (series) – Jean Craighead George
Spy School (series and other series) – Stuart Gibbs
Lost in the Sun – Lisa Graff
New Kid (other titles) – Tim Green
Theodore Boone (series) – John Grisham
The Outsiders - S.E. Hinton
One for the Murphys – Lynda Hunt
Fish in a Tree – Lynda Hunt
Listen, Slowly – Thanhha Lai
Fast Break (series) – Mike Lupica
A Mango-shaped Space (other titles) – Wendy Mass
Greenglass House – Kate Milford
The Red Pencil – Andrea Pinkney
Murder Is Bad Manners (series) – Robin Stevens
Wolf Hollow – Lauren Wolk

**Historical Fiction**Fever 1793 - Laurie Anderson
Al Capone Does My Shirts (series) – Gennifer Choldenko
Chasing Secrets - Gennifer Choldenko
Secrets of the Terra-Cotta Soldier - Ying Chang Compestine
The Ballad of Lucy Whipple - Karen Cushman
Homesick, My Own Story - Jean Fritz
Salt – Helen Frost
Dead End in Norvelt (Newbery) - Jack Gantos
The Great Trouble – Deborah Hopkinson
Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam - Cynthia Kadohata
Weedflower - Cynthia Kadohata
Lions of Little Rock – Kristin Levine
Little White Duck: A Childhood in China (graphic novel) – Andres Martinez
War Horse – Michael Morpurgo
A Single Shard - Linda Sue Park
When My Name Was Keoko - Linda Sue Park
Heart of a Samurai (Newbery)(sequel) – Margi Preus
The Case of the Missing Marquess: an Enola Holmes Mystery (series) - Nancy Springer
The Romeo and Juliet Code (sequel) – Phoebe Stone
Moon Over Manifest (Newbery) - Clare Vanderpool
Paperboy (Newbery) – Vince Vawter

**Fantasy/Myths/Folklore**Nick of Time - Ted Bell
Jinx (series) – Sage Blackwood
Ranger’s Apprentice (series) - John Flanagan
Princess Academy (other titles) - Shannon Hale
13 Treasures (series)- Michelle Harrison
Warriors (series) - Erin Hunter
Beauty - Robin McKinley
Keys to the Kingdom (series) - Garth Nix
The Boundless – Kenneth Opel
The Nest – Kenneth Opel
Eragon (series) – Christopher Paolini
Archer’s Quest – Linda Sue Park
Pax – Sarah Pennypacker
Percy Jackson’s Greek Gods (other titles) - Rick Riordan
Echo: A Novel – Pam Nunoz Ryan
Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel (series) - Michael Scott
The Silver Bowl - Diane Stanley
Emerald Atlas (trilogy) – John Stephens
The Bartimaeus Trilogy - Jonathan Stroud
Demon Dentist (other titles) – David Walliams

**Classics**
Watership Down - Richard Adams
The Odyssey – Gillian Cross
Gris Grimly’s Tales from the Brothers Grimm – Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm
Across Five Aprils (Newbery) – Irene Hunt
The Jungle Book - Rudyard Kipling
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer - Mark Twain
Around the World in Eighty Days - Jules Verne
The Sword in the Stone - T. H. White

**Autobiography/Biography/Nonfiction**Trapped – Marc Aronson
Emancipation Proclamation – Tonya Bolden
Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Edition) – James Brown
Presenting Buffalo Bill – Candace Fleming
Cheaper by the Dozen (sequel) – Frank Gilbreth
Titanic: Voices from the Disaster - Deborah Hopkinson
The Mysterious Universe (Any of the Scientists In The Field series) - Ellen B. Jackson
Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution - Ji-li Jiang
An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever of 1793 - Jim Murphy The Great Fire – Jim Murphy
Bomb (Newbery) – Steve Sheinkin
Port Chicago 50 – Steve Sheinkin
Team Moon, How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon - Catherine Thimmesh
Brown Girl Dreaming (Newbery) – Jacqueline Woodson
I Am Malala (Young Readers Edition) – Malala Yousafzai

 **For the first week of school, Seventh Graders are asked to:**

1. Have read **three** books - **one** required and at least **two** others from the recommended list.

2. Be prepared to discuss and take a quiz in class on the required book, A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park.

3. Turn in a one-page typed report for each of the two other books from the recommended reading list. Half of the page should be a summary. The other half should include reactions, thoughts, and feelings about the book.

4. Turn in a list of all summer reading signed by parents. Include the title and author of each selection.

**8th Grade Summer Reading**

**Required Reading**
**All students must read:**The False Prince by Jennifer A. Nielsen. If you wish, you may read the trilogy!
This title is available in paperback and as an e-book. MCPL has 73 copies.

**Recommended Reading**
**Realistic Fiction/Mystery**Crossover (Newbery) (sequel) – Kwame Alexander
The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place – Julie Berry
Heist Society (series) – Ally Carter
Cat Among the Pigeons (other titles) – Agatha Christie
Mockingbird - Kathryn Erskine
Rush for the Gold (other titles) – Rush Feinstein
Belly Up (series) – Stuart Gibbs
Spy School (series) – Stuart Gibbs
Olive’s Ocean - Kevin Henkes
Hoot – Carl Hiaasen
Every Soul A Star (other titles) – Wendy Mass
Scorpions - Walter Dean Myers
Eye of the Crow (other titles) – Shane Peacock
A Girl Called Problem – Katie Quirk
Counting by 7s – Holly Sloan
Stargirl (sequel)- Jerry Spinelli
The Pearl - John Steinbeck
Homecoming (series) – Cynthia Voigt

**Historical Fiction**Little Women (series) - Louisa May Alcott
Chains (series) - Laurie Halse Anderson
The Boy Who Dared - Susan Campbell Bartoletti
The Boy in Striped Pajamas – John Boyne
Stay Where You Are and Then Leave – John Boyne
Caminar – Skila Brown
Under a War-Torn Sky (sequel) – L.M. Elliott
Johnny Tremain (Newbery) – Esther Forbes
Jason’s Gold - Will Hobbs
Across Five Aprils (Newbery)- Irene Hunt
A Million Shades of Gray - Cynthia Kadohata
Hattie Big Sky (sequel) - Kirby Larson
A Soldier’s Secret – Marissa Moss
Mira’s Diary – Marissa Moss
A Long Way from Chicago (Newbery) – Richard Peck
Criss Cross (Newbery) – Lynne Rae Perkins
Before the Creeks Ran Red - Carolyn Reeder
The Hired Girl – Laura Amy Schlitz
Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy - Gary D. Schmidt
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry (Newbery)(series) - Mildred Taylor
Climbing the Stairs - Padma Venkatraman
My Family for the War (Newbery) - Anne C. Voorhoeve

**Fantasy and Myth**The Night Gardener – Jonathan Auxier
The Seeing Stone (trilogy) - Kevin Crossley-Holland
The Ear, the Eye and the Arm (Newbery) - Nancy Farmer
Kon Tiki - Thor Heyerdahl
Stormbreaker (Alex Rider series) – Anthony Horowitz
Airborn (trilogy) - Kenneth Oppel
Percy Jackson’s Greek Gods (sequel) – Rick Riordon
Echo: A Novel – Pam Munoz Ryan
The Riverman (trilogy) - Aaron Starmer
First Light - Rebecca Stead
The Lord of the Rings (series) - J.R.R. Tolkien
The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland (series) – Catherynne Valente
20,000 Leagues under the Sea - Jules Verne

**Autobiography/Biography/ Nonfiction**Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Edition) - James Brown
The Silent Spring - Rachel Carson
The Omnivore’s Dilemma: The Secrets Behind What You Eat (YA Ed.) - adapted by Richie Chevat
Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin and John Wilkes Booth - James Cross Giblin
The Many Rides of Paul Revere - James Cross Giblin
The Boys Who Challenged Hitler – Phillip Hoose
Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary – Gail Jarrow
Years of Dust: the Story of the Dust Bowl - Albert Marrin
Black Diamond: Story of Negro Baseball Leagues - Patricia McKissack
Blizzard! The Storm That Changed America - Jim Murphy
Bomb: The Race to Build-and Steal-The World’s Most Dangerous Weapon - Steve Sheinkin
Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War - Steve Sheinkin
The Notorious Benedict Arnold - Steve Sheinkin
Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team – Steve Sheinkin
Chasing Lincoln's Killer - James Swanson
I Am Malala (YA Edition) – Malala Yousafzai

**For the first week of school, Eighth Graders are asked to:**

1. Have read **three** books - **one** required and at least **two** others.

2. Be prepared to discuss and take a quiz in class on the required book, The False Prince (Book One of the Ascendance Trilogy) by Jennifer A. Nielsen.

3. Turn in a one-page typed report for each of the two other books from the recommended reading list. Half of the page should be a summary. The other half should include reactions, thoughts, and feelings about the book.

4. Turn in a list of all summer reading signed by parents. Include the title and author of each selection.