

Rising Sixth Grade Summer 2026 Reading List

The following titles are age-appropriate books from a variety of genres that are considered to be excellent literature. These stories are recommended by our teachers to feed children's imaginations, fuel their excitement in learning, and nourish their souls during summer vacation. The reading is not required but highly encouraged for young and old alike.

Fiction and Historical Fiction

The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings *

The Cay by Theodore Taylor

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry +

The Boy in the Alamo by Margaret Cousins

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

Pollyanna by Eleanor H. Porter

Souder by William H. Armstrong

Hitty Her First Hundred Years by Rachel Field

Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

The Dragon King Trilogy (*In the Hall of the Dragon King; The Warlords of Nin; The Sword and the Flame*) by Stephen R. Lawhead *

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

Night by Elie Wiesel +

From the Earth to the Moon by Jules Verne

Snow Treasure by Marie McSwigan +

Wonder by R. J. Palacio

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

Watership Down by Richard Adams

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Mary Poppins by P. L. Travers

Call it Courage by Armstrong Sperry

On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness by Andrew Peterson

Outlaws of Time by N. D. Wilson

The Watson's Go to Birmingham—1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis +

A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck

Tintin Books by Hergé

Biographies

Basher Five-Two (US Pilot in Bosnia) by Captain Scott O'Grady

Bruchko (Missionary to S. American Indians) by Bruce Olson

Carry a Big Stick: The Uncommon Heroism of Theodore Roosevelt by George Grant *+

Children of the Storm (Christian family in the former Soviet Union) by Natasha Vins

The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank *+

If I Perish (Christian in Japan during WWII) by Esther Ahn Kim +

Raoul Wallenberg: The Man Who Stopped Death by Sharon Linnea *

The Wright Brothers by Quentin Reynolds +

George Washington Carver: From Slave to Scientist by Geoff and Janet Bengé +

Rosa Parks: My Story by Rosa Parks +

The Story of Thomas Alva Edison by Margaret Cousins

* Advanced reading level

+ Pertain to topics that will be studied in history in the upcoming year