



Sixth Grade Summer Reading List 2013

Welcome to 6th grade! We look forward to seeing you in our classrooms soon. Until then, we are providing a summer reading list for you to look over and find a book which interests you. Please choose one of the following books to read this summer -

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George, or
Summer of the Swans by Betsy Byars.

Please complete the following assignment for the book you selected.

- From one of these books, choose a scene to illustrate on an 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" piece of sturdy poster paper
- You may back it with a slightly larger piece of colored construction paper to make a border around it.
- On the front, with the picture, have the title of the book.
- On the back, attach an 8-10 sentence (typed is encouraged) summary of the scene you have pictured.
- Include the title and author of your book.
- Using strong verbs and adjectives, explain the main idea of your picture, and include just enough important details to support the main idea.
- Describe the setting; clarify which characters (if any) Populate your picture:
- Add a closing sentence if one seems to be needed.
- Arrange your sentences in the best order.
- Review your writing and ask someone older to check it.
- Revise and edit your first draft, then attach your neat, final copy to the back of your picture.
- Bring this to school with you the first day of school.

Pick another from the following list to enjoy at home!

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1. *My Side of the Mountain** by Jean Craighead George
2. *The Summer of the Swans** by Betsy Byars
*One of these required.
3. *Voyages of Dr. Dolittle* by Hugh Lofting
4. *All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot
5. *Promises in the Wind* by Irene Hunt
6. *Lily's Crossing* by Patricia R. Giff
7. *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick
8. *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
9. *Anne of Green Gables Series* by L. M. Montgomery
(Choose one book.)
10. *Chronicles of Narnia* --Choose one --by C.S. Lewis
11. *The Young Underground Series* by Robert Elmer
12. *Island of the Blue Dolphin* by Scott O'Dell

Readers Rock Challenge: Choose two books other than *The Summer of the Swans* OR *My Side of the Mountain* to read and submit a short summary for each book, for extra credit in the fall!

A reading log sheet can be found on the website www.cscs.us academics/lower School