**6th Grade Summer Reading List**

**CHOICE Reading (Please choose ONE book to read from this list)**

- **Among the Hidden** by Margaret Peterson Haddix (Science Fiction/Fantasy)

  In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to two children, Luke has lived his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

- **The Lightning Thief** by Rick Riordan (Adventure)

  After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

- **Ninth Ward** by Jewell Parker Rhodes (Historical Fiction/Realistic Fiction)

  In New Orleans' Ninth Ward, twelve-year-old Lanesha, who can see spirits, and her adoptive grandmother have no choice but to stay and weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina bears down upon them.

- **Powerless** by Matthew Cody (Fantasy)

  Soon after moving to Noble's Green, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Daniel learns that his new friends have super powers that they will lose when they turn thirteen, unless he can use his brain power to protect them.

- **Buried Alive** by Gloria Skurzynski and Alane (Adventure/Suspense)

  Panic grips the Landon kids and 13-year-old Nicky Milano as they realize they have been abandoned in the wilds of Alaska's Denali National Park. If someone doesn't find them soon, they will freeze to death. They never should have accepted a dogsled ride from a stranger.
Mockingbird  Erskine, Katherine.  (Realistic Fiction)

Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school, while at home she seeks closure by working on a project with her father.

The Great Unexpected  Creech, Sharon.  (Mystery)

Humorous and heartfelt, this is a story of pairs of sisters: Sybil and Nula and Naomi and Lizzie and unraveling mysteries about family and identity. Naomi and Lizzie’s tragedies turn into a life filled with hope, as old misunderstandings and sorrows between Sybil and Nula give way to forgiveness and love. It is about unexpected gifts, the kindness of neighbors.

The False Prince  Nielsen, Jennifer.  (Adventure/Fantasy)

Filled with danger, deceit, and hidden identities, this action-packed adventure will keep readers on the edge of their seats! In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son.

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead  
(Science Fiction/Historical Fiction)

Sixth-grader Miranda lives in 1978 New York City with her mother and is never without her favorite book A Wrinkle in Time. When she starts to receive a series of notes that claim to want to save her life, Miranda begins to believe they are coming from someone who knows the future.

Amelia’s War by Ann Rinaldi  (Historical Fiction)

The story begins in 1861, as 11-year-old Amelia Grafton relates the Civil War’s impact on her sharply divided yet tightly linked town: “Mama and I were Southerners, but not Rebels. We were for the Union, but not the Yankees. You have to be from Maryland to understand it.”
**Island of the Blue Dolphins** by Scott O’Dell  (Adventure)

Karana, an Indian girl, lives happily with her people on the Island of the Blue Dolphins. Karana's people live in harmony among the other animals on and around the island as they have for generations. And then one day a boat comes captain by a Russian man, who "looked at the little harbor as though it already belonged to him."

**Million Dollar Throw** by Mike Lupica (realistic fiction)

Everyone calls Nate Brodie "Brady" because he's a New England quarterback, just like his idol, Tom Brady. And now he's got a chance to win a million dollars by throwing one pass through a target at halftime in the Patriots' Thanksgiving night game. More than anything, Nate's family needs the money - his dad's been downsized, his mom's working two jobs, and they're on the verge of losing their house.

**Connect the Stars** by Marisa De los Santos & David Teague (realistic fiction)

As 13-year-olds Aaron and Audrey trek through a challenging and unforgiving landscape. They think their quirks are enough to prevent them from ever being friends, but they learn that they have what it takes to make each other whole.