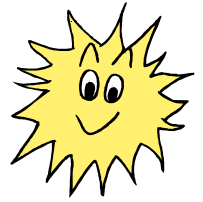


Summer Reading
Going on to 6th Grade?



Something old - We always like to recommend books you might like to read over the summer. Some of those suggestions are listed below. These suggestions include books that our teachers recommend, award-winning books and books that other students have enjoyed.

Something new - The new piece is our Required Reading List. At Washington, we know that our students need to be ready to hit the ground running in the fall to keep pace in our Gifted Program. We are asking all new 6th graders to choose and read three of the five titles listed here. They can be found at local book stores or at the public libraries. This list will provide them with an instant connection to new friends in August. Classroom teachers will have students working in groups on fun projects related to their summer reading.

In addition, the Rockford Public School District is providing every student a "pack" of summer reading books, free to keep and add to your home library. These titles, four fiction and four non-fiction, were selected to be captivating and to appeal to student interests. Enjoy!

Required Reading

(Choose at least 3)

Schooled by Gordon Korman
Tangerine by Edward Bloor
Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements
Flush by Carl Hiaasen
Shakespeare's Secret by Elise Broach

Looking for more ideas? Here are some additional reading suggestions you might enjoy!

Lexile Level 1000 - 1050

Knockdown
The Names Upon the Harp
Brisingr
Blue Moon
The Cookie Store Cat
The Island
Marley and Me
Put a Fan in Your Hat

Lexile Level 1100 - 1150

The Faerie Door
Insomniacs - Buzz
The Austere Academy
The Princess and Curdie
Walk the Dark Streets
Tiltawhirl John
Pure Dead Frozen
The Secret Hideout

Lexile Level 1050 - 1100

Beet Fields: Memories of a Sixteenth Summer
Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court
Around the World in 80 Days
Elijah of Buxton
The Vile Village
Treasure Island
Mudshark
Save Queen of Sheba

Lexile Level 1150 - 1200

The Winter Room
Zorro
Brian's Hunt
Catherine, Called Birdy
War of the Worlds
Hitty: Her First Hundred Years
The River's Gift
Pieces of Georgia

Need more ideas?

http://www.myschoolisgreat.org/Washington_Reading.htm - Look at the Summer Reading Ideas