

Required Summer Reading for Rising Sixth Graders

Each Upper School student is required to read over the summer vacation. Our goal is that all students are engaging with literature, whether it is curling up with a book during rest time at camp, listening to an audiobook on a family car trip, or reading with a family member at bedtime. Developing a love of reading is so important for developing the imagination, improving critical thinking, and improving writing skills!

Assignment 1:

- Read at least 5-10 books of your choice.
- Audiobooks and books you read with a family member count, as long as you read some books on your own.
- We highly encourage you to try a variety of genres over the summer and to read books on a variety of subject matter.
- If you attended Town in Fifth grade, you made a list of books that you would like to read over the summer, and you emailed that list to your parents. You do not have to read all of the books on this list, but it's a good place to start.
- If you need recommendations, the current Sixth graders made a list of their favorite books (see below). You can also check out *The Town School Reading List* on Town Today for more ideas.

Assignment 2:

- Please keep a list of all the books you read over the summer.
- Your list should be neatly written on loose-leaf paper or typed.
- Include both the title and author for each book.
- Bring the list on the first day of school in September.

Recommendations from Current Sixth Graders:

Insert Coin to Continue-John David Anderson
The War that Saved My Life-Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
A Mango-Shaped Space-Wendy Mass
Divergent series-Veronica Roth
Hunger Games trilogy-Suzanne Collins
The Maze Runner series-James Dashner
When You Reach Me-Rebecca Stead
The Land of Stories series-Chris Colfer
Out of My Mind-Sharon Draper
Counting by 7's-Holly Goldberg Sloan
The Running Dream-Wendelin Van Draanen
Does my Head Look Big in This?-Randa Abdel-Fattah
The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel series-Michael Scott

Pendragon series-D.J. MacHale
The Many Worlds of Albie Bright-Christopher Edge
The Mother-Daughter Bookclub series-Heather Vogel Frederick
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas-John Boyne
The First Rule of Punk-Celia C. Pérez
All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook-Leslie Connor
Close to Famous-Joan Bauer
Better Nate Than Ever-Tim Federle
Towers Falling-Jewell Parker Rhodes
Spy School, Belly Up-Stuart Gibbs
Amulet series-Kazu Kibuishi
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl-Anne Frank
George-Alex Gino
Every Soul a Star-Wendy Mass
Lorien Legacies-Pitticus Lore
Once series-Morris Gleitzman