

6th Grade Summer Reading at HAJH



The books on this list are not required, simply suggestions from Mrs. Harland, HAJH Librarian. Keep in mind that: **Reading is the key to success in all subjects.**

Avi. Wolf Rider : a tale of terror

Have you ever received a prank phone-call? 15 year old Andy got a call last night from a man claiming he murdered a young college student. Should Andy take the call seriously, or assume it is a gag? Andy soon gets caught up in this mystery where nobody believes anything he says.

Brooks, Bruce. Throwing Smoke

Baseball and fantasy merge together in this story of friendship. The members of the Breadhurst News decide to create a dream team, when, to their surprise, the imagined members magically spring to life. The great lesson in Throwing Smoke is to appreciate people for their strengths.

Colfer, Eoin. The Wish List

While committing a crime Meg and Belch are killed in an explosion that sends Belch's soul straight to hell while Meg's has been left in limbo, perfectly balanced between good and evil. Meg is returned to Earth to do good deeds to try to tip the scales enough to send her soul to heaven.

Creech, Sharon. Granny Torrelli Makes Soup

With the help of her wise old grandmother, twelve-year-old Rosie manages to work out some problems in her relationship with her best friend, Bailey, the boy next door.

DiCamillo, Kate. The Tale of Despereaux

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

Dowell, Frances O'Roark. Dovey Coe

"I hated Parnell Caraway as much as the next person, but I didn't kill him" are Dovey Coe's first words after she is accused of murdering her sister's boyfriend. Dovey sets out to prove the record straight and to let them folks in town know that she isn't a liar or a murderer.

Grahame, Kenneth. The Wind in the Willows

Happy Mole, good-natured, boat-loving Water Rat, boastful Toad of Toad Hall, society-hating Badger who lives in the frightening Wild Wood, and countless other creatures are the characters in this classic. This book is a wonderful read-aloud.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. Among the Hidden

Imagine that you live in a world where having more than two kids is illegal. Luke Garner is a “shadow child” an illegal third child who must remain hidden from the Population Police. This is the frightening story of a world not too far from our own where Luke meets dangerous new friends that change his life.

Horvath, Polly. The Canning Season

Thirteen-year-old Ratchet spends a summer in Maine with her eccentric great-aunts Tilly and Penpen, hearing strange stories from the past and encountering a variety of unusual and colorful characters.

Horvath, Polly. Everything on a Waffle

Have you ever known something to be true even though all the evidence points to it being false? Primrose Squarp knows her parents did not die at sea during a terrible storm, but she can't convince the residents of her own town. So, the story is about Primrose's life as an orphan and the crazy people in her town who aren't clamoring to adopt her.

Mazer, Harry. A Boy At War

While fishing with his friends off Honolulu on December 7, 1941, teenaged Adam is caught in the midst of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and through the chaos of the subsequent days tries to find his father, a naval officer who was serving on the U.S.S. Arizona when the bombs fell.

Paulsen, Gary. Soldier's Heart

In June 1861, when the Civil War began, Charley Goddard left his farm and his family and enlisted in the First Minnesota Volunteers. He was fifteen years old. He didn't know what a “shooting war” meant, or what he was fighting for. All he knew was that he didn't want to miss out on a great adventure. Warning: This novel is not for the faint of heart! It is filled with bloodshed and the brutalities of war.

Seabrooke, Brenda. The Haunting of Swain's Fancy

Eleven-year-old Taylor spends the summer with her father and his new family in a historic house in West Virginia and, while contending with hostility from her stepsister Nicole, attempts to solve the mystery of ghosts who haunt the site.

Venokur, Ross. The Autobiography of Meatball Finkelstein

Meatball Finkelstein was born big. He's always been and will always be the biggest kid in his class, and he's cool with that. But he does have more than his share of troubles: his older sister won't talk with him, his vegetarian family's tofu store is heading for bankruptcy, and his unfortunate first name make him the prime candidate for the attention of Rufus Delaney, the most horrible bully at school.

White, E.B. Charlotte's Web

An affectionate pig named Wilbur befriends a spider named Charlotte, who lives in the rafters above his pen. Wilbur is devastated when he learns of the destiny that befalls all those of porcine persuasion. Determined to save her friend, Charlotte spins a web that reads "Some Pig," convincing the farmer and surrounding community that Wilbur is no ordinary animal and should be saved. In this story of friendship, hardship, and the passing on into time, E.B. White reminds us to open our eyes to the wonder and miracle often found in the simplest of things. This is a great family read aloud.

Wilson, Jacqueline. The Worry Web Site

Mr. Speed creates a web site on which his students can anonymously type their worries and get feedback from their classmates, which helps them sort out everything from pimples to stepfamily problems.