

**SIXTH GRADE SUMMER READING LIST
2009**

Directions: You will read **three** books this summer for summer reading. Read The Wednesday Wars and then choose two other books from different genres on the list.

All-form book, required for all incoming sixth graders

Schmidt, Gary D.

The Wednesday Wars

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Please make sure you have the correct edition of the novel so that we can refer to specific page numbers in class. This is the paperback version.

Holling is a seventh-grader who believes that his new teacher, Mrs. Baker, despises him. Every Wednesday, all of the other children leave school early to attend religious classes. Holling is horrified to find himself alone with Mrs. Baker on Wednesday afternoons. The hilarious events that occur during the year allow Holling to learn about Mrs. Baker and himself.

Shaun Gohel

Classics

Burnett, Frances Hodgson

The Secret Garden

Mary Lennox becomes an orphan when a cholera plague hits India. She is sent to live with her uncle at Misselthwaite Manor, a big house in Yorkshire, England. She meets her cousin Colin, who is sick and always stays in bed. Everyone thinks he will die soon. Mary and Colin become healthier by working in the secret garden.

Katy Donnelly

Rawls, Wilson

Where the Red Fern Grows

Billy Colman finally gets what almost every boy in the Ozarks needs, two coon hounds, Old Dan and Little Ann. Together they hunt every coon in the valley and go on adventures. Will their happiness last?

Marjorie Crimmins

Sewell, Anna

Black Beauty

Black Beauty has been sold to many different masters, kind and cruel. Will he find the right master and be able to face the challenges ahead?

Leah Liu

Stevenson, Robert Louis

Treasure Island

Jim holds the map to the treasure of the late Captain Flint. This attracts the attention of many pirates, including the notorious Long John Silver. These pirates will stop at nothing to get the treasure and are willing to kill for it. Find out if Jim stays alive or perishes in this timeless classic.

Akul Mitra

Fantasy

Barry, David and Ridley Pearson

Peter and the Starcatchers

In this humorous story that tells how Peter Pan became Peter Pan, Peter and his friends are loaded onto a ship without knowing where they are going or why. Then Peter meets a girl named Molly, and his whole life is changed as he enters a race to stop The Others from gaining possession of the most powerful substance in the world.

Will Dively

Bujor, Flavia

Prophecy of the Stones

Opal, Jade, and Amber are in for a surprise. They are celebrating their fourteenth birthdays, and each is very different. The one thing they have in common is they were all just given a secret, powerful stone and told to meet under a certain tree. Once they meet, they are sent on a dangerous quest to save the land of Fairytale.

Isabella Nairn

Corder, Zizou

Lionboy

When Charlie Ashanti's parents are kidnapped, he has to find and rescue them. He has a special talent that will definitely help him; he can speak to cats.

William Teplitz

Riodan, Rick

Lightning Thief

Percy Jackson has never met his mysterious father. When he learns at half-blood camp that his father is the mighty Poseidon, god of the seas, he's shocked! Soon after this, he is sent on a quest for Zeus's stolen lightning bolt with dangerous challenges ahead of him.

Krishna Patel

or if you have read the first four in the series,

Riodan, Rick

The Last Olympian

While the Olympian gods are fighting against a Titan, Percy and the other Demigods are protecting Manhattan from the attacks of Kronos and his army of demons. Percy and Nico take a dip down to the underworld to carry on the only way to defeat Kronos.

Shivang Chordia

General Fiction

Bloor, Edward

Tangerine

When Paul Fisher moves to Tangerine, FL he expects a normal town, and what he doesn't expect are sinkholes, subterranean fires and mosquito-infested swamps. He finds some peace and normalcy by playing soccer, and just as he is starting to adjust to his new life, he begins to find some answers.

Will Dively

Creech, Sharon

Absolutely Normal Chaos

Mary Lou Finney is assigned to write a summer journal. She does not know what a journal is so she writes six funny journals of the summer. In the beginning Mary Lou hates her cousin Carl Ray. When she falls in love with her boyfriend and finds out about her cousin's crazy life, her world flips upside down.

Erica Concordia

Flake, Sharon

The Skin I'm In

A thirteen-year-old girl is tormented by her classmates and desperately wants to fit in at school. Maleeka does things she'll regret forever to figure out if she likes the skin she is in.

Tyler Demchak

Hiaasen, Carl.

Scat

What happens when a cruel biology teacher goes missing on a class field trip? Will Nick and Marta get too carried away and get in trouble, or will they be the heroes of the Truman School? Does the missing teacher have anything to do with the fire at the Black Vine Swamp?

Lauren Kann

Lupica, Mike

Travel Team

Danny Walker is one of Middletown's best basketball players, but he is cut from the travel team because he is too short. Danny's dad starts a different travel team, but it is not very good. Can Danny fight through the stress and rally his team to beat their rivals, the team Danny was cut from, or will he give up?

Adam Hart

Historical Fiction

Anderson, Laurie Halse

Fever 1793

Mattie and her mother run a popular restaurant in Philadelphia in 1793, but soon she and her grandfather have to leave the city in order to escape the quickly spreading yellow fever that is killing people throughout the city. Once they get back home, Mattie's mother is nowhere to be found, and Mattie's troubles seem to be just beginning. Will Mattie survive the fever and will she find her mother again?

Louis Berry

Avi

Crispin: The Cross of Lead

In 14th century England, Crispin is a young boy being hunted down after being falsely accused of a crime. He and his friend, Bear, must also solve the mystery of his past in this suspenseful book.

Alison Thai

Boyne, John

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

During WWII, Bruno, the son of an SS officer, comes home one day and finds his maid packing up his things. He then finds himself in a new house near a strange place where the people all wear striped pajamas. One afternoon, Bruno goes exploring and becomes friends with a boy in striped pajamas named Shmuel. The only problem is that Shmuel and Bruno are not supposed to be friends. Will Shmuel and Bruno be caught or will the friendship last?

Sarah Small

Curtis, Christopher Paul

Bud, Not Buddy

During the Depression, Bud is an orphan whose mom told him before she died to always remember that his name is Bud, not Buddy. After her death, he escapes from a foster home taking with him a suitcase full of papers about a musician who he thinks is his dad. Now Bud is on an adventure trying to find a stranger who might have the answers.

Shaynel Moreland

Park, Linda Sue
A Single Shard

Tree-ear is a thirteen-year-old boy who works for a famous potter in medieval Korea. The royal family is looking for a potter and Tree-ear offers to deliver the precious, delicate pottery to the royal home. The journey is far and treacherous. Will Tree-ear be able to fulfill his promise?

Ms. Heiler

Memoir and Nonfiction

Cox, Lynne
Grayson

When Lynne is swimming her daily routine off the coast of California, she encounters a baby whale that has lost his mother. She has to decide whether to try to find the mother or whether to leave the whale behind.

Audrey Koi

Dahl, Roald
Boy: Tales of Childhood

Roald Dahl's autobiography tells what it was like to go to an English boy's boarding school. Dahl's stories are filled with strange schoolmates, mischievous pranks and painful discipline.

Angus McDonald

Mah, Adeline Yen
Chinese Cinderella

Adeline feels like she is unwanted. Her family says she is unlucky because her mother died giving birth to her. The only person who really cares for her is her aunt. Will she be loved again?

Arriona Lewis

Pfetzner, Mark and Jack Galvin
Within Reach: My Everest Story

A boy named Mark who is thirteen years old is a great climber and dreams of climbing Mount Everest. After years of training, Mark attempts to be the youngest climber ever to reach the top of Everest. Is he too young, will he survive, and is he prepared?

Zeke Rosenbloom

Walker, Paul Robert
Pride of Puerto Rico

Roberto Clemente lives and breathes baseball. When he becomes a man, he is at the top of his game and is offered the chance to play with the Pittsburgh Pirates. However, people in America do not accept him because of the color of his skin. Roberto hates the taunts, but will his love of baseball overcome the racism of some of his fans?

Grant Newman

Mystery

Balliett, Blue
Chasing Vermeer

Calder and Petra each think the other is strange. They come together when their curiosity and wild imaginations get them caught up in a mystery of a heist of a valuable painting by Johannes Vermeer. Everyone is a suspect as they try to unravel a mystery that even the F.B.I. has failed to solve.

Jacob Horne

Feinstein, John
Coverup

Stevie Thomas and Susan Carol have a mission. They have to prove that five men took HGH before the Super Bowl. One problem for the teenage reporters is that they're up against a guy who will do anything to cover up.

Ian Bell

Selznick, Brian

The Invention of Hugo Cabret

Hugo loves fixing and inventing. However, will his love for inventing and a special machine lead him to an unexpected person's past? This story is filled not only with words but also amazing pictures that are just as important to the story as the words.

Katrina Manrique

Stewart, Trenton Lee and Carson Ellis

The Mysterious Benedict Society

Reynie, Sticky, Kate, and Constance are the Mysterious Benedict Society. They go through a series of tests to see if they are the right children for the mission of going to the Institute to defeat Mr. Curtain, his minions, and his evil plan. They meet many people who help them along the way, but they never know who they can trust. Will the Mysterious Benedict Society succeed in their mission or perish along the way?

Nurul Quratulaini Abd Salim Nast

Science Fiction

DuPrau, Jeanne

City of Ember

Doone and Lina are two friends that meet in a post-Armageddon town that is breaking down. Their only power resource is an old battery engine that was made by their ancestors. The engine is failing, and there not a lot of time left. Will the lost pieces of a note that Lina found help them save themselves and the community?

Tim Granato

Farmer, Nancy

The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm

In the future of Zimbabwe, three children of a particularly powerful and wealthy Japanese General named Matsika long for adventure. Their wish is granted with a twist that they never could have imagined. Fortunately, three rather unusual detectives are on the move to get the children home.

Mara Barron

Hawking, Stephen and Lucy Hawking
George's Secret Key to the Universe

George lives a very primitive life. He has no car, television, or computer. When he sees his neighbor's computer, his life is changed. This computer can take people anywhere in space. But then evil finds out...

Sahil Bahri

Philbrick, W.R.
The Last Book in the Universe

Nobody reads or writes books any more, but Spaz and Ryter are different. They go on an adventure to save Spaz's sister Bean and finish the last book in the universe.

Molly Meyers