Grade 6 Summer Reading List

The books on this list have been chosen to appeal to a variety of interests and a range of reading and maturity levels. Parents may want to select reading material with their children.

Adventure Stories:
Peter and the Starcatchers by Dave Barry and R. Pearson
The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exup’ery
The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan
Kidnapped, The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
   by Robert Louis Stevenson
Gulliver’s Travels by Jonathan Swift
The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells

Classic Fiction:
Oliver Twist, David Copperfield, or other titles by Charles Dickens
Cheaper by the Dozen by Frank Gilbreth and Ernestine Carey
Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn, and other titles by Mark Twain
Titles by Emily or Charlotte Bronte, Jane Austen, or Herman Melville

Modern Fiction:
Blue Heron, Nothing But the Truth, and other titles by Avi
Sounder by William Armstrong
The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy by J. Birdsall
The Legend of Spud Murphy by E. Colfer
Free Baseball by Sue Corbett
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
Monkey Island One-Eyed Cat, and other titles by Paula Fox
My Side of the Mountain, The Cry of the Crow by Jean Craighead George
Double Identity by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Ida B…and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World by K. Hannigan
The Clay Marble by Minfong Ho
Worth by A. LaFaye
A Summer to Die, Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
The Big Field by Mike Lupica
A Dog's Life: Autobiography of a Stray by A. M. Martin
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
All of the Above: a Novel by Shelley Pearsall
Paint the Wind by Pam Munoz Ryan
The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart
Let the Circle Be Unbroken; Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
Dicey’s Song, Jackaroo, Tree by Leaf and other titles by Cynthia Voigt
H.I.V.E.: Higher-Institute of Villainous-Education by Mark Walden

Mystery:
Half Moon Investigations, The Legend of Spud Murphy by E. Colfer
The Hound of the Baskervilles, Sherlock Holmes mysteries
   by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd

Animal Studies:
Shark Life: True Stories about Sharks and the Sea by P. Benchley
All Creatures Great and Small, and other titles by James Herriot
The Dolphins and Me by Don C. Reed
Walking with the Great Apes: Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, Birute Galdikas
   By Sy Montgomery

Anthropology and Archaeology:
The Secrets of Vesuvius: Exploring the Mysteries of an Ancient Buried City
   by Sara C. Bisel
From the Beginning: The Story of Human Evolution by David Peters
Auks, Rocks, and the Odd Dinosaur: Inside Stories from the Smithsonian Museum
   of Natural History by Peggy Thompson
Art:
The Impressionists by Steven Adams
The Magic Mirror of M. C. Escher by Bruno Ernst

Biography and Autobiography:
Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood by Ibtisam Barakat
The Triumph of Discovery: Four Nobel Women by Joan Dash
Wild Animals, Gentle Women by M. Facklam
Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini by Sid Fleischman
The Endless Steppe: Growing Up in Siberia by Esther Hautzig
Kids with Courage: True Stories about Young People Who Make a Difference by Barbara Lewis
Stephen Hawking: Quest for a Theory of the Universe by Kitty Ferguson
Outward Dreams: Black Inventors and their Inventions by Jim Haskins
Rachel Carson: The Environmental Movement by John Henricksson
The Prince of Mathematics, Carl Friedrich Gauss by M. B. Tent:

Historical Fiction:
Beyond the Myth: The Story of Joan of Arc by Polly S. Brooks
My Brother Sam Is Dead by James and Christopher Collier
The Sacrifice by Kathleen Benner Duble
Johnny Tremain by Ester Forbes
Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt
Weedflower by Cynthia Kadohata
Bread and Roses by Katherine Paterson
Heart of a Samurai by Margi Preus
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy by Gary Schmidt
Shabanu, Daughter of the Wind by Suzanne Fisher Staples
Blitzcat, Echoes of War, The Kingdom by the Sea, The Machine Gunner by Robert Westall
Counting on Grace by Elizabeth Winthrop
Science Fiction and Fantasy:
- Prydain Chronicles by Lloyd Alexander
- Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
- Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury
- 2010 by Michael Crichton
- City of Ember by Jeanne Duprau
- Redwall by Brian Jacques
- Time Trilogy by Madeleine L’Engle
- Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by R. O’Brien
- Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
- Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne

History and Geography:
- America Goes to War: 1941 by John Devaney
- The Berlin Wall: How It Rose and Why It Fell by Doris Epler
- Desert of Ice: Life and Work in Antarctica by W. John Hackwell

Mathematics:
- Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions by Edwin Abbott
- Fascinating Fibonacci by Trudi Garland
- Mathematical Puzzles of Sam Loyd, More Mathematical Puzzles of Sam Loyd by Sam Loyd
- Mathematicians are People, Too (Two Volumes) by Luetta and Wilbert Reimer
- The Number Devil by Hans Magnus Enzenberger

Science and Engineering:
- Sports Science for Young People by George Barr
- Industrial Minerals: How They Are Found by Robert Bates
- Space: The Next 100 Years by Nicholas Booth
- Silent Spring by Rachel Carson
- Medicine in the Future by Mark Lambert
- The Human Mind: How We Think and Learn by Thomas Metos
Poetry:
A New Treasury of Children’s Poetry by Joanna Cole
Knock at a Star: A Child’s Introduction to Poetry by X. J. and Dorothy Kennedy
Pizza, Pigs, and Poetry: How to Write a Poem, by Jack Perlutsky

Mythology and Folk Tales:
Great American Folklore by K. Battle
The People Could Fly: American Black Folk Tales by Virginia Hamilton
Tales of the Early World by Ted Hughes

Nota Bene: If you have already read the first book listed in a series, you may select a later volume in that series to read (as long as it is the first time you have read it.)