

6th Grade Summer 2014 Reading List

Welcome to Sharpstown International School! The learning starts now! Our goal is to assist your child in becoming a lifelong learner. The summer months provide the perfect opportunity to extend and enrich your child's reading experiences.

It is our goal to have all 6th grade students entering SIS read at least 5 books from the following Summer Reading List. Please fill out the chart at the bottom of the page to document the books read. Have your child bring this back to school during the first week of the 2015-2015 School Year.

The following tips may be helpful for all parents/guardians:

- *Encourage your child to select the books from the list that interest him/her.
- *Whenever possible, children should read 30 minutes per day.
- *Read aloud to your child, even if he/she is able to read independently.
- *Take advantage of the summer, and read aloud to your child outside.
- *Set aside a portion of the day as **DEAR** (Drop Everything and Read) Time.
- *Encourage your child to read magazines, newspapers, even the back of a cereal box!
- *Ask your child questions about the book: Who, What, Where, Why, When, and How.
- *Review comprehension, vocabulary, and listening skills when reading aloud.
- *Have your children coordinate reading discussions with their friends. This could be fun on those rainy summer days!

	Book Start Date	Title of Book	Completed Date
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Happy Reading,

The 6th Grade Team

- Choldenko, Gennifer. ***Al Capone Does my Shirts***. Moose Flanagan, who lives on Alcatraz along with his family and the families of the other prison guards, struggles for recognition in his new environment.

- Cisneros, Sandra. ***The House on Mango Street***. A young Latina girl, Esperanza Cordero, is growing up in Chicago and is determined to “say goodbye” to her impoverished Latino neighborhood. Major themes include her quest for a better life and the importance of her promise to come back for “the ones I left behind.”

- Cowell, Cressida. ***How to Train Your Dragon***. In this silly chapter book, the Viking boy, Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III, son of the chief, finds himself having to find and train a dragon and also becomes an unlikely hero in the process. Series.

- Dahl, Roald. ***Matilda***. Matilda applies her mental powers to rid the school of the evil headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore Miss Honey, her nice teacher, to financial security.

- Lord, Cynthia. ***Rules***. Twelve-year-old Catherine just wants a normal life which is near impossible when she has a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability.

- MacLachlan, Patricia. ***Sarah, Plain and Tall***. This sweet prairie tale of a family’s experiences with Sarah, a mail-order bride from Maine, begins with children Anna and Caleb worried that their new mother might not like being away from the sea. Series.

- Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. ***Shiloh***. Marty must make some painful decisions about returning a dog to his abusive owner. Series.

- Philbrick, Rodman. ***Freak the Mighty***. Two boys – a slow learner stuck in the body of a teenage giant and a tiny Einstein in leg braces – forge a unique friendship when they pair up to create one formidable human force.

- Sonnenblick, Jordan. ***Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie***. Thirteen-year-old Steven has a totally normal life: he plays drums in the All-Star Jazz band, has a crush on the hottest girl in the school, and is constantly annoyed by his five-year-old brother. But then his little brother is diagnosed with leukemia and his world is turned upside down.

- Swanson, James L. ***Chasing Lincoln’s Killer***. This is a nail-biting and detailed telling of the assassination of Lincoln and all the accompanying chaos of the struggle to catch his killer.

- Van Draanen, Wendelin. ***Flipped***. This is a young adult, teen romance in a he-said/she-said style with the two protagonists alternately presenting their perspective on a shared set of events.