**2020-2021 SUMMER READING LIST FOR 6TH GRADE (*Choose TWO)***

**You may choose either to write a book report or record a 3-minute podcast about your books.**

**Follow the template for either one.**

**It is due to Mrs. Bartlett by the end of the first week of school.**

1. **From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Macks**

Zoe Washington isn’t sure what to write. What does a girl say to the father she’s never met, hadn’t heard from until his letter arrived on her twelfth birthday, and who’s been in prison for a terrible crime? A crime he says he never committed.

1. **How High the Moon by Karyn Parsons**

*To Kill a Mockingbird* meets *One Crazy Summer* in this powerful, bittersweet debut about one girl's journey to reconnect with her mother and learn the truth about her father in the tumultuous times of the Jim Crow South.

1. **The Watsons Go to Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis**

When the Watson family—ten-year-old Kenny, Momma, Dad, little sister Joetta, and brother Byron—sets out on a trip south to visit Grandma in Birmingham, Alabama, they don’t realize that they’re heading toward one of the darkest moments in America’s history. The Watsons’ journey reminds us that even in the hardest times, laughter and family can help us get through anything.

1. **Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick**

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.

1. **Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhka Lai**

Hà has only ever known Saigon: the thrills of its markets, the joy of its traditions, and the warmth of her friends close by. But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. Hà and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed toward hope—toward America.

1. **Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer**

Twelve-year-old Artemis is a millionaire, a genius-and above all, a criminal mastermind. But Artemis doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the Leprechaun Unit. These aren't the fairies of the bedtime stories-they're dangerous!

1. **The Chronicles of Narnia by CS Lewis**

They open a door and enter a world, Narnia ... a land frozen in eternal winter ... a country waiting to be set free. Four adventurrous step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia -- a land enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change ... and a great sacrifice.

1. **Uglies by Scott Westerfeld**

Tally’s adventures begin in Uglies, where she learns the truth about what life as a Pretty really means.

1. **The Alchemyst: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel by Michael Scott**

Nicholas Flamel appeared in J.K. Rowling’s *Harry Potter*—but did you know he really lived? And his secrets aren't safe!Discover the truth in book one of the *New York Times* bestselling series the Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel.

1. **Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan**

In the tradition of *Out of My Mind*, *Wonder,*and *Mockingbird,* this is an intensely moving middle grade novel about being an outsider, coping with loss, and discovering the true meaning of family.