

# MPVA Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Summer Reading

Incoming MPVA Sixth Graders are recommended to read one (or more) of the books from the following reading list this summer. These books can be found at local libraries, bookstores (Brazos Book Store), or online retailers such as Amazon. Students also have free access to eBooks and audiobooks linked below. Enjoy your summer and enjoy your books! We look forward to meeting you!

### eBook and Audiobook Login Information:

[MackinVia](#) available through HISD District resources

Site Name: MPVA (Meyerland Middle School)

Username: s##### (#s= Student's HISD ID Number.) Password: MMDDYYYY

### Houston Public Library (HPL) Learning Link:

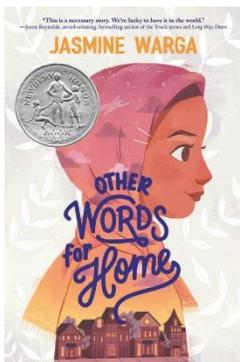
Students in HISD have an account with [Axis 360](#) and [OverDrive](#) through HPL's Learning Link program. Students will choose Houston Public Library and use their HPL Learning Link Library Card to sign in:

Library Card = first letter of student's last name plus their HISD student ID number. Ex: C12345

Library Pin = Four Digit Birthdate (MMDD) Ex: June 9 birthday = 0609

## Recommended Reading

Select one or more of the following books to read this summer:



**Other Words for Home** by Jasmine Warga (2020 Newberry Honor Book)

Jude never thought she'd be leaving her beloved older brother and father behind her, all the way across the ocean in Syria. But when things in her hometown start becoming volatile, Jude and her mother are sent to live in Cincinnati with relatives. At first, everything in America seems too fast and too loud. But this life also brings unexpected surprises—there are new friends, a whole new family, and a school musical that Jude might just try out for. Maybe America, too, is a place where Jude can be seen as she really is.

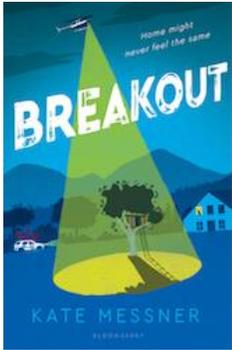
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**Sal & Gabi Break the Universe** by Carlos Hernandez

Rick Riordan Presents a brilliant sci-fi romp with Cuban influence that poses this question: What would you do if you had the power to reach through time and space and retrieve anything you want, including your mother, who is no longer living (in this universe, anyway)?

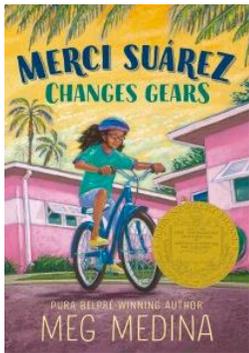
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**Breakout** by Kate Messner

Nora Tucker is looking forward to summer vacation in Wolf Creek—two months of swimming, popsicles, and brushing up on her journalism skills for the school paper. But when two inmates break out of the town’s maximum-security prison, everything changes. Doors are locked, helicopters fly over the woods, and police patrol the school grounds. Worst of all, everyone is on edge, and fear brings out the worst in some people Nora has known her whole life. Even if the inmates are caught, she worries that home might never feel the same.

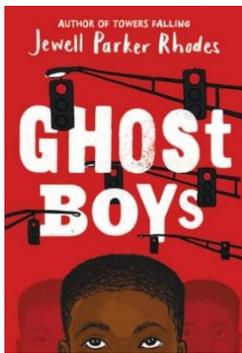
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**Merci Suarez Changes Gears** by Meg Medina (2019 Newberry Medal Winner)

Merci Suarez knew that sixth grade would be different, but she had no idea just how different. For starters, she’s not exactly like the other kids at Seaward Pines because she and her older brother, Roli, are scholarship students. At home, Merci’s most trusted ally, Lolo, has been acting strangely and no one in her family will tell her anything about what’s going on with her grandfather. In a coming of age story that features family, friends, frenemies—and ripped off eyebrows—we look at the confusion and constant change that define middle school and the steadfast connection that defines family.

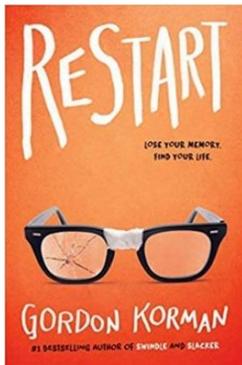
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**Ghost Boys** by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Twelve-year-old Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. As a ghost, he observes the devastation that’s been unleashed on his family and community in the wake of what they see as an unjust and brutal killing. Soon Jerome meets another ghost: Emmett Till, a boy from a very different time but similar circumstances. Emmett helps Jerome process what has happened, on a journey towards recognizing how historical racism may have led to the events that ended his life.

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**Restart** by Gordon Korman

Chase’s memory just went out the window. Chase doesn’t remember falling off the roof. He wakes up in a hospital room and suddenly has to learn his whole life all over again... starting with his own name. He knows he’s Chase. But who is Chase? When he gets back to school, he sees that different kids have very different reactions to his return. Some kids treat him like a hero. Some kids are clearly afraid of him. Pretty soon, it’s not only a question of who Chase is—it’s a question of who he was... and who he’s going to be.

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