During the school year, you have many reading requirements. Summer is a great time for you to read for pleasure and to explore books you might not have time to read when you are in school. In this list, you will find a wide range of suggested titles for summer reading allowing for differences in reading interest and strengths. We want to emphasize that this is only a suggested list. You are encouraged to read books you are interested in whether they appear on the list or not. If you need more choices, remember that local bookstores and public libraries are also great resources and often have knowledgeable staff to help you. If a book feels like an uncomfortable stretch, try an audio book version or save it for another time. Summer is also a great time to have a shared reading experience with a friend, sibling, or parent. Please remember, no one is ever too old to be read to or with - especially during the summer. We look forward to hearing about all your great summer reading.

Rising 6th graders need to read a total of three books over the course of the summer. They are also asked to write a letter or send a postcard to their sixth grade Humanities teacher, Mrs. Gill or Ms. Mickle. In their letter, students should describe an adventure that they had this summer and talk about their summer reading. Letters may be mailed to the school or handed in during warm-up week.

I. Required-

*The Birchbark House* by Louise Erdrich

https://www.amazon.com/Birchbark-House-Louise-Erdrich/dp/0786814543/ref=sr_1_1?crid=BJ20XUAGJLY4&keywords=the+birchbark+house+by+louise+erdrich&qid=1556050856&s=books&sprefix=the+birch%2Cstripbooks%2C116&sr=1-1

II. Pick one of the following:

*Refugee* by Alan Gratz

https://www.amazon.com/Refugee-Alan-Gratz/dp/0545880831/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=refugee&qid=1556050765&s=books&sr=1-1

*Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
https://www.amazon.com/Esperanza-Rising-Pam-Munoz-Ryan/dp/0439120411/ref=sr_1_1?crid=37WORPDPCZWRK&keywords=esperanza+rising&qid=1556051045&s=books&sprefix=esper%2Cstripbooks%2C139&sr=1-1

Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales:

One Dead Spy

Lafayette!
https://www.amazon.com/Lafayette-Nathan-Hales-Hazardous-Tales/dp/1419731483/ref=sr_1_3?crid=1JZ2BW0T1LCZI&keywords=hazardous+tales+books&qid=1556051822&s=books&sprefix=hazardus%2Cstripbooks%2C123&sr=1-3

The Underground Abductor

Donner Dinner Party
https://www.amazon.com/Nathan-Hales-Hazardous-Tales-Donner/dp/1419708562/ref=pd_sim_14_2/146-6124896-6116558?_encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=1419708562&pd_rd_r=ccc35b96-6607-11e9-81c3-e19ee3aed6a0&pd_rd_w=eUQWp&pd_rd_wg=KOyIX&pf_rd_p=90485860-83e9-4fd9-b838-b28a9b7fda30&pf_rd_r=Z9XZH5Z4SSV5KF2KQGE9&psc=1&refRID=Z9XZH5Z4SSV5KF2KQGE9

Alamo All-Stars
III. Reader’s Choice!

Of course, you are more than welcome to read another one of the novels provided in part two as your third choice.