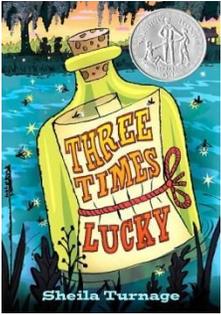


Summer Reading List for Students Entering Grade 6

Directions: Every student entering the 6th grade in the fall must read one book from the following list.

Students, choose a book that will both interest and challenge you. Make sure you fill out the notes form as you read. Be prepared to both discuss the book and write about it when you return in the fall.

Parents & Students, the website that follows each synopsis will further help you decide whether a particular book is the right one for you.

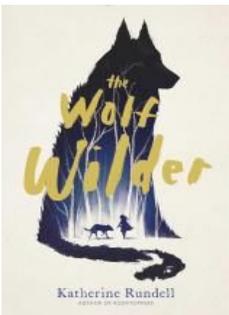


***Three Times Lucky* (& its sequel: *The Ghost of Tupelo Landing*) by Sheila Turnage (realistic fiction)**

Rising sixth grader Miss Moses LoBeau lives in the small town of Tupelo Landing, NC, where everyone's business is fair game and no secret is sacred. She washed ashore in a hurricane eleven years ago, and she's been making waves ever since. Although Mo hopes someday to find her "upstream mother," she's found a home with the Colonel--a café owner with a forgotten past of his own--and Miss Lana, the fabulous café hostess. She will protect those she loves with every bit of her strong will and tough attitude. So when a lawman comes to town asking about a murder, Mo and her best friend, Dale Earnhardt Johnson III, set out to uncover the truth in hopes of saving the only family Mo has ever

known.

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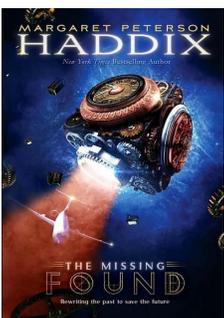


***The Wolf Wilder* by Katherine Rundell (mystery/adventure)**

A girl and the wolves who love her embark on a rescue mission through Russian wilderness in this lyrical tale from the author of the acclaimed *Rooftoppers* and *Cartwheeling in Thunderstorms*. Feo's life is extraordinary. Her mother trains domesticated wolves to be able to fend for themselves in the snowy wilderness of Russia, and Feo is following in her footsteps to become a wolf wilder. She loves taking care of the wolves, especially the three who stay at the house because they refuse to leave Feo, even though they've already been wilded. But not everyone is enamored with the wolves, or with the fact that Feo and her mother are turning them wild. And when her mother is taken captive, Feo must travel through the cold, harsh woods to save her—and learn from her wolves how to survive.

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www.kidsread.com.



***Found* by Margaret Peterson Haddix (science fiction)** If they have already read *Found*, students may also read a subsequent book in this series.

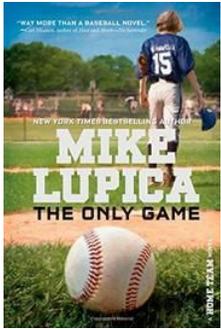
Combining suspense, mystery, and science fiction with a lot of action, Margaret Peterson Haddix has once again created a story to keep readers on the edge of their seats. A plane suddenly appears with 36 unattended babies. All are adopted and grow up in contemporary America. When 13-year-old adoptees Chip and Jonah receive mysterious letters, they search for clues about their origins.

Together with Jonah's sister Katherine, they find ties to the FBI and unexplained characters that disappear right before their eyes. In the climactic ending, some of the more confusing story elements come together and we understand the role of time travel in the story. With fully developed characters

and strong relationships and conversational dialog, this book takes you into the immediate lives of the young teens. The fascinating twists and turns of the plot, chapter-ending cliffhangers, and strong, positive portrayal of adoption will keep all readers hooked until the end. Although the conclusion leaves the reader with more questions than answers, they will

eagerly anticipate the next installment in the series.
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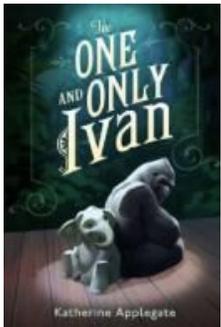
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The Only Game by Mike Lupica

Can a young baseball star maintain his love of the game after the loss of his brother? Find out in this start to the Home Team series about a small town with high hopes. Jack Callahan is the star of his baseball team and sixth grade is supposed to be his year. Undefeated season. Records shattered. Little League World Series. The works. That is, until he up and quits. Jack's best friend Gus can't understand how Jack could leave a game that means more to them than anything else. But Jack is done. It's a year of change. Jack's brother has passed away, and though his family and friends and the whole town of Walton thinks baseball is just the thing he needs to move on, Jack feels it's anything but. In comes Cassie Bennett, star softball player, and the only person who seems to think Jack shouldn't play if he doesn't want to. As Jack and Cassie's friendship deepens, their circle expands to include Teddy, a guy who's been picked on because of his weight. Time spent with these new friends unlocks something within Jack, and with their help and the support of his family and his old friends, Jack discovers sometimes it's more than just the love of the game that keeps us moving--and he might just be able to find his way back to *The Only Game*.

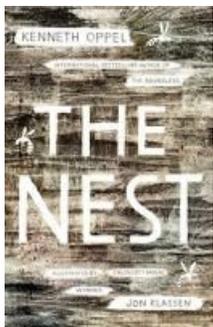
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The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Ivan is an easygoing gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. He rarely misses his life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly ever thinks about it at all. Instead, Ivan thinks about TV shows he's seen and about his friends Stella, an elderly elephant, and Bob, a stray dog. But mostly Ivan thinks about art and how to capture the taste of a mango or the sound of leaves with color and a well-placed line. Then he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from her family, and she makes Ivan see their home--and his own art--through new eyes. When Ruby arrives, change comes with her, and it's up to Ivan to make it a change for the better. Katherine Applegate blends humor and poignancy to create Ivan's unforgettable first-person narration in a story of friendship, art, and hope.

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The Nest by Kenneth Oppel

The Nest leaves a lasting mark on the memory." -- The New York Times Book Review Steve just wants to save his baby brother--but what will he lose in the bargain? Haunting gothic tale for fans of Coraline, is one of the most acclaimed books of the year, receiving six starred reviews. Illustrations from Caldecott Medalist Jon Klassen. For some kids summer is a sun-soaked season of fun. But for Steve, it's just another season of worries. Worries about his sick newborn baby brother who is fighting to survive, worries about his parents who are struggling to cope, even worries about the wasp's nest looming ominously from the eaves. So when a mysterious wasp queen invades his dreams, offering to "fix" the baby, Steve thinks his prayers have been answered. All he has to do is say "Yes." But "yes" is a powerful word. It is also a dangerous one. And once it is uttered, can it be taken back? Celebrated author Kenneth Oppel creates an eerie masterpiece in this compelling story that explores disability and diversity, fears and dreams, and what ultimately makes a family.

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