

Dear Boston Prep Sixth Grader:

Reading is VERY important. It is so important that we want you to start on it right away! Attached is a list of recommended books for you.

All sixth graders must read at least two books over the summer. One of the books you read must be from this list; the other book is your choice. Try the library or a bookstore for other books. If you can't find a second book, you may choose another one from this list.

At the end of this list is your first reading assignment. After reading the book you chose from the list please fill it out completely. This assignment, like all Boston Prep assignments, needs to be complete. **This assignment will count as your first homework grade in Reading class.** This is a required assignment; it is due on **the first day of school. Late assignments will lose points and may receive a zero.**

Please find a quiet place to read, find a comfortable chair, get a cool drink, and enjoy your summer reading. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Ms. Delforge at jdelforge@bostonprep.org

Enjoy your reading!

Sincerely,

Your reading teachers

Grade 6 Summer Reading 2009

We recommend the following list of books for your summer reading. All sixth grade students must read at least two books over the summer. One of these books must be from this list and you must complete the attached assignment for this book. The other book is your choice. If you can't find a second book, you may choose one from this list.

The assignment is attached to this book list. This assignment, like all Boston Prep assignments, needs to be complete. If any questions are left blank, you will not receive credit on this assignment. You will be graded on your work.

Remember, this is your first assignment for the 2009-10 school year. Do your best!

Choices:

For readers who are comfortable:

At the Plate with Ken Griffy, Jr. by Matt Christopher

If you like baseball, you'll love this book. It is all about Ken Griffy Jr.'s rise to fame. This biography tells you about his childhood and how he became a baseball star!

Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan

Two young children have lost their mother. Their father has sent away for a new wife, Sarah. Will Sarah be nice to the kids? Will she like living on a farm? Read this book to find out.

The Gold Cadillac by Mildred Taylor

It is around 1950, and Lois and Wilma's father has a brand-new gold Cadillac. They are looking forward to riding in it from their house in Ohio all the way to Mississippi. But in the South, there are no admiring looks—just anger about seeing a black man behind the wheel. For the first time, Lois and her sister know what it feels like to be scared because of the color of their skin.

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

The Big Woods are getting too crowded. Pa Ingalls decides to sell the little log house, and the family sets out! They travel from Wisconsin to Kansas and there Pa builds their little house on the prairie. Sometimes farm life is difficult, even dangerous, but Laura and the family are kept busy and are happy with the promise of their new life.

Holes by Louis Sachar

"If you take a bad boy and make him dig a hole every day in the hot sun, it will turn him into a good boy." Do you think this is true? Maybe you saw the movie, but the book is much better. Read it and see!

There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Lois Sachar

Arghhh! Boys aren't allowed in the girls' bathroom. This is just one of the many mistakes Jeff makes at his new school. You'll also meet Bradley, the school bully. Everyone dislikes him, but one day this all begins to change. Read the book to see how Jeff and Bradley survive their school year.

Even More Options:

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

Slam by Walter Dean Myers

Somewhere in the Darkness by Walter Dean Myers

Frindle by Andrew Clements

The Jacket by Andrew Clements

Baseball in April by Gary Soto

Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh

Anastasia Krupnik by Lois Lowry

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

For readers that want a challenge:

The Egypt Game by Zilpha Keatley Snyder

A group of kids get together to play The Egypt Game. These kids love mystery and ancient Egypt. Suddenly, strange things begin to happen. Could it all be part of the Egypt Game or is it really happening?

Among the Hidden by Margaret Haddix

Luke has never had a friend, never played outside, and never had a birthday party. Luke isn't even supposed to exist! He lives in a society where families are only allowed two children. The problem is that he is the third child. Luke will have to decide whether or not stay a secret or brave the outside world.

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

It's 1934; life is already tough, it's about to get worse. Billie Jo, her mother and her father are struggling through hard financial times on the farm. Billie Jo loves to play the piano. Her music makes her mother wince, but she's making a name for herself with the kids at school who are intrigued by her wild and exuberant music. Billie Jo fully intends to ride that music out of the dust of Oklahoma. Hard times and tragedy strike Billie Jo's family. How will Billie Jo and her family make it through these difficult times?

Name: _____

Plot Summary

What is the novel about? Write a summary of the book using only the main events.

First,

Then,

Finally,

NOTE: If you need to start again, you may write your summary on a lined piece of paper.