

SIXTH GRADE SUMMER READING 2017

Welcome to Sixth Grade!!!

We are excited to meet you and hear what you like (and don't like) about books and reading.

Our expectation for you this summer is to read one (or more) of the following books which demonstrate COURAGE. You may also choose ANY other book as long as you can find an example of COURAGE in it.

Be sure this is a *Just Right Book*. Here's how:

1. Look at the cover, pictures, print, space and number of pages.
2. Read 3 pages. Then, count the words you don't know. If it's more than 5, find another book; if it's fewer than 5, ask yourself these questions:
 - Do I understand the story?
 - Is this book interesting?
 - Is my reading smooth?
 - YES? Check it out and read it.
 - NO? Find another book.
3. Need help? Ask a parent, librarian, teacher, or friend.

For this book you must do one of the following and bring it to the first day of 6th grade.

Make a prediction when you are 1/3 through the book-write it here. Explain why you made your prediction.	Record three words you didn't know. Include the pg. # and what you think the word means.
Write three questions you have as you read. Choose from the beginning, middle and end.	What's an example of COURAGE from your book? Draw a picture with a caption OR write about it.
Write a paragraph about a time you or someone you know was/is courageous.	

Books for Independent Reading and Fluency Building

Easier Read

Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of the John J. Harvey –Audio Book

By Maira Kalman (Putnam) 2002 (32p)

Launched in New York in 1931, the fireboat John J.

Harvey came out of retirement to help fight flames in New York's harbor on September 11, 2001.

Black Whiteness: Admiral Byrd Alone in the Antarctic

By Robert Burleigh (Simon) 1998 (32p)

Byrd must summon all of his courage when he becomes seriously ill.

Crocodiles, Camels, and Dugout Canoes

By Bo Zaunders (Dutton) 1998 (48p)

Eight explorers who overcame fear and danger are profiled.

New York's Bravest

By Mary Pope Osborne (Knopf) 2002 (32p)

In a tribute to the New York firefighters who lost their lives on 9/11, Osborne tells the story of the 1840s New York firefighter Mose Humphrey, whose bravery became legendary.

Teammates

By Peter Golenbock (Harcourt) 1992 (32p) Also paper

Jackie Robinson faces great hostility, but gets support from teammate Pee Wee Reese.

Through My Eyes

By Ruby Bridges (Scholastic) 1999 (64p)

Bridges recalls her experience as a six year old integrating a school in Louisiana in 1960.

Dear Mrs. Parks

By Rosa Parks and Gregory Reed (Lee & Low) 1997 (121p)

Parks reveals her thoughts on courage and wisdom.

Talkin' About Bessie

By Nikki Grimes (Orchard) 2002 (144p)

This award-winning fictionalized account of Bessie Coleman's life is told through the words of twenty-one friends and relatives who have gathered to mourn Coleman's death.

The Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest

By Steve Jenkins (Houghton) 1999 (32p)

Brave the harsh conditions and terrain of Mount Everest.

Grade Level

Number the Stars

By Lois Lowry (Houghton) 1989 (160p)

Annemarie must save the life of her best friend, threatened by the Nazis.

Available in Spanish as Quien cuenta las estrellas?

I Am Lavina Cumming

By Susan Lowell (Milkweed) 1992 (200p) Also paper

Lavina shows courage when she leaves her home in Arizona to live with her aunt in Santa Cruz, California.

Stowaway

By Karen Hesse (Simon) 2000 (318p)

When eleven-year old Nicholas young stows away on the H.M.S. Endeavor, he unknowingly becomes part of Captain James Cook's crew on the historic voyage around the world.

Island of the Blue Dolphins

By Scott O'Dell (Houghton) 1960 (192p)

Karana survives by herself for eighteen years on a deserted island. Available in Spanish as La isla de los delfines azules.

Titanic Crossing

By Barbara Williams (Dial) 1995 (160p) also paper

Albert wonders if he can save his sister's life—and his own.

Courage at Indian Deep

By Jane Resh Thomas (Clarion) 1983 (128p)

When a ship sinks during a blizzard on Lake Superior, Cass and his dog are the only ones who can help the survivors.

Red-Tail Angels

By Patricia and Fredrick McKissack (Walker) 1995 (144p)

The Tuskegee Airmen were the first squadron of African American fighter pilots of World War II.

Shipwreck Season

By Donna Hill (Clarion) 1998 (215p)

Daniel's work at a lifeguard station is both dangerous and exciting.

Above Level Reading

The Wild Colorado

By Richard Mauer (Crown) 1999 (120p)

A seventeen year old boy realizes his dream when he accompanies John Wesley Powell down the Colorado River.

Waiting for Anya

By Michael Morpurgo (Viking) 1991 (172p) Also Paper

When Jo discovers Widow Hordada is hiding Jewish children from the Germans, he helps her smuggle them to safety in Spain.

Redwall

By Brian Jacques (Philomel) 1987 (334p) Also Paper

In this well-loved fantasy, Matthias and his friends fight to save Redwall Abbey from their enemies. See others in series.

The Endless Steppe

By Esther Hautzig (Harper) 1968 (243p) Also Paper

The author recounts her experiences as a young prisoner in a Russian forced-labor camp in Siberia during World War II.

Beyond the Western Sea, Books 1 and 2

By Avi (Orchard) 1996 (304p)

An Irish brother and sister and their landlord's son head for Liverpool to sail to America.

The Upstairs Room

By Johanna Reiss (Crowell) 1972 (196) Also Paper

The author describes her life hiding from the Nazis for over two years in an upstairs room on a Dutch family's farm. Available in Spanish as La habitacion de arriba.

***ALL OF THESE SUGGESTED BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY.