

6th Grade Suggested Titles (cont.)

<p>Biography</p> <p>Bridges. <u>Through My Eyes.</u> Freedman. <u>The Life and Death of Crazy Horse.</u> McKissack, P. <u>Black Diamond.</u> Collier, J.L. <u>Duke Ellington.</u> Getz. <u>Frozen Man.</u> Meachum. <u>Jane Goodall: Protector of Chimpanzees.</u> McKissack, <u>Zora Neale Hurston.</u> Paulson, G. <u>My Life in Dog Years.</u> Ripken. <u>Count Me In.</u> Christopher. <u>On the Court With Venus and Serena Williams.</u> Freedman, R. <u>The Wright Brothers.</u></p>	<p>Humorous Narrative</p> <p>Fitzgerald, J.D. <u>The Great Brain.</u> Paulson, G. <u>The Boy Who Owned the School.</u> Sachar, L. <u>Sideways Stories From Wayside School. Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger.</u> <u>Wayside School Is Falling Down.</u> Sonenklar, C. <u>Bug Boy. Bug Girl.</u></p>
<p>Animal Stories</p> <p>Avi. <u>The Good Dog.</u> Birney. <u>World According to Humphrey.</u> Byars, B. <u>Tornado.</u> George, J.C. <u>Julie of the Wolves.</u> <u>Julie. There's An Owl in the Shower.</u> Howe, J. <u>Howliday Inn.</u> Naylor, P. <u>Shiloh Season. Saving Shiloh.</u> (Sequels to <u>Shiloh</u>) Rawls, W. <u>Summer of the Monkeys.</u> Steig, W. <u>Abel's Island.</u></p>	<p>Mystery Stories</p> <p>Bellairs, J. <u>The Chessman of Doom.</u> Chritie, A. <u>And Then There Were None.</u> Cooney, C. <u>Flight #116 Is Down.</u> DeFelice. <u>The Ghost of Fossil Glen.</u> George, J.C. <u>The Missing Gator of Gumbo Limbo.</u> Hildrick. <u>The Case of the Vanishing Ventriloquist.</u> Kehret. <u>I'm Not Who You Think I Am.</u> Nixon, J. <u>Search for the Shadowman.</u> Roberts, W.D. <u>The Kidnappers.</u> Stanley. <u>The Mysterious Matter of I.M. Fine.</u></p>
<p>2007-2008 Black-Eyed Susan Book Nominees</p> <p>Birney, B. <u>Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs.</u> Corbett, S. <u>Free Baseball.</u> Delaney, J. <u>Revenge of the Witch: The Last Apprentice.</u> Fleming, C. <u>Lowji Discovers America.</u> Glaser, L. <u>Bridge To America.</u> Gutman, D. <u>Satch and Me.</u> Marsden, C. <u>Moon Runner.</u> Mills, Claudia. <u>Trading Spaces</u> Stewart, Jennifer. <u>Close Encounters of the Third World Kind.</u></p>	

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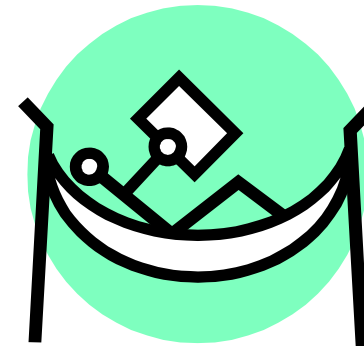
Summer Reading Program

Grade 6

Program Rationale:

In Montgomery County Public Schools, summer reading has been an expected practice in middle and high schools and an encouraged practice in elementary schools since 1998.

Research strongly suggests that reading, like other physical and mental skills, **improves** with practice and **deteriorates** when we do not engage in it for even a short time. At Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, our summer reading program is designed both to reinforce and maintain reading skills, and to provide background knowledge for the upcoming school year.



It is what you read when you don't have to that determines what you will be when you can't help it.

Oscar Wilde

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians

In order to maintain and increase students' reading levels, all students entering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School next fall are required to complete some reading over the summer.

The reading program for the summer is as follows:

- ▽ Students are required to read a minimum of **two books**.
- ▽ **Both books** may be chosen by the student.
- ▽ **The books in this brochure are simply suggestions** Students may select any books that they like.

Students will fill out a *Story Elements Graphic Organizer* for each book that they read. Two of these sheets will be given to each student. Should additional copies be needed, the Main Office will have a supply, or the form may be downloaded from our website*.

Explanation of Story Elements

Character Traits: adjectives that describe the main character - may include – 1) what the character looks like, 2) the character's thoughts, feelings and words, 3) how other characters react to him/her, 4) the actions of the character.

Setting – the time and place when the story takes place

Conflict – refers to the problem that the character faces in the story. A conflict may take different forms:

Internal – conflict or problem that the character has within him/herself (person vs. himself). For example, if a character is faced with a decision to tell someone a secret that they have promised not to tell anyone, he/she may be faced with an internal conflict.

External – conflict or problem that the character has with someone or something outside of him/herself (person vs. person, person vs. society, person vs. nature)

Mood - The emotional quality of a written work created through descriptions and sensory details.

* <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/mlkms>

6th Grade Suggested Titles

<p>Adventure</p> <p>Duffey, B. <u>Cody Unplugged</u>. Hobbs, W. <u>Beardance, Bearstone</u>. Kehret, P. <u>Earthquake Terror</u>. <u>Escaping the Giant Wave</u>. Orr. <u>Nim's Island</u>. Morpugo. <u>Kensuke's Kingdom</u>. Paulson, G. <u>Blackwater Swamp</u></p>	<p>Classic Fiction</p> <p>Alcott, L.M. <u>Eight Cousins</u>. Defoe, D. <u>Robinson Crusoe</u>. Kipling, R. <u>Captain Courageous</u>. Montgomery. <u>Anne of Green Gables</u>. Stevenson, R.L. <u>Treasure Island</u>. Verne, J. <u>Journey to the Center of the Earth</u>.</p>
<p>Historical Fiction</p> <p>Beatty, P. <u>Charley Skeedaddle</u>. Bloss, J. <u>A Gathering of Days</u> Curtis, C. <u>Watsons Go to Birmingham</u>. Cushman, K. <u>The Ballad of Lucy Whipple</u>. Haddix, M. <u>Running Out of Time</u>. Keehn, S.M. <u>I Am Regina</u>. Meyer, C. <u>White Lilacs</u>. O'Dell, S. <u>Sing Down the Moon</u>. Rinaldi. <u>The Journal of Jasper Jonathan Pierce</u>. (and other My Name is America series)</p>	<p>Folklore and Fantasy</p> <p>Couville, B. <u>Jennifer Murdley's Toad</u> D'Aulaires. <u>Norse Gods and Giants</u>. Hamilton, V. <u>Her Stories. The People Could Fly</u>. Hahn, M.D. <u>Time For Andrew</u>. Levine. <u>Ella Enchanted</u>. Lewis, C.S. <u>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</u>.</p>
	<p>Sports</p> <p>Christopher, M. <u>The Hockey Machine. Miracle at the Plate. The Olympic Dream</u>. (other titles by Christopher). Lupica, M. <u>Travel Team, Heat</u>. Smith, K. <u>Skeeter</u>. Weaver, W. <u>Striking Out</u>.</p>

*****Should they not find any books at the public library, students may borrow books from the Main Office for the summer.**

Also, Montgomery County Public Schools and the Montgomery County Public Libraries have created an online resource and suggested book list which may be accessed through the following link:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/readinglists>