



## Summer Work Packet 2021-2022

### Incoming Grade 6

<p><b>Reading</b></p>	<p>Read <i>The Egypt Game</i> by Zilpha Keatley Snyder or <i>A Long Way from Chicago</i> by Richard Peck, and complete the assignment included in this package. Both books are available on audio through the public library if you like to read along and/or listen in the car on your summer trip.</p>
<p><b>Language Arts:</b>  <b>Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students</b>  <b>Complete the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Skills listed here.</b>  <b>Work to a Smart Score of at least 80 points. You MUST practice each skill during the summer in order for it to count as completed. The score from your 5<sup>th</sup> grade school year will NOT show up for the new school year.</b></p>	<p>Distinguish facts from opinions.  Determine the main idea.  Compare and contrast in informational texts  Match causes with their effects in informational texts.  Read and understand informational passages.  Read graphic organizers.  Identify text structures  Identify supporting details in literary texts  Draw inferences from the text  Identify similes and metaphors  Use context to identify the meaning of a word  Is it a complete sentence, a fragment, or a run on sentence?  Identify plurals, singular possessives &amp; plural possessives  Prepositions: Review  Put the sentences in order</p>
<p><b>Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Students</b>  <b>You MUST practice each skill during the summer in order for it to count as completed. The score from your 5<sup>th</sup> grade school year will NOT</b></p>	<p><b>Review of 5th Grade Math:</b>  <b>Complete IXL 5th Grade skills and reach a Smart Score of 80 in the following:</b>  Place value  Rounding  Multiply 2-digit numbers by larger numbers  Divide 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers</p>

<p><b>show up for the new school year.</b></p>	<p>Evaluate exponents</p> <p>Divisibility rules: word problems</p> <p>Identify factors</p> <p>Prime factorization</p> <p>Place values in decimal numbers</p> <p>Write fractions in lowest terms</p> <p>Convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers</p> <p>Put assorted decimals, fractions, and mixed numbers in order</p> <p>Add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators: word problems</p> <p>Add and subtract mixed numbers: word problems</p> <p>Add, subtract, multiply, and divide whole numbers</p> <p>Add, subtract, multiply, and divide decimals</p> <p>Multi-step word problems</p> <p>Unit Prices</p>
<p><b>All assignments are due the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school.</b></p>	

Required reading project for all incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders: Choose ONE of these two selections:

A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck.

**OR**

The Egypt Game by Zilpha Keatley Snyder

Audio books are available free from the public library for students who are interested in listening along, which is highly recommended.

Project Guidelines & Requirements are listed below. All students must complete the title page (#1) and the Glossary (#2). You may choose EITHER #3 or #4 to earn a total of 50 points. This will be the first Language Arts grade of the year.

1. Title Page: Create an illustrated book cover from what you have read. List title, author, illustrator, and copyright. (10 points)
2. Glossary: Choose 20 words from the entire book that were new and unfamiliar to you. Define each new word on your own, with the help of a dictionary. Copy a sentence from the text in which the word is used (include the page number), or create a new sentence that uses the word. (20 points).
3. Summary of Story: Write a summary, including the main and supporting characters, a story line, the climax of the book, and a conclusion. (20 points).
4. Character Descriptions: Name and describe each main character and important supporting characters. Explain the relationships between characters. (20 points).

**Completed book reports due 1<sup>st</sup> day of school**

## Summer Reading List Suggestions for Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

Don't let the summer break take away all your valuable knowledge that you learned in the previous school year. Use this opportunity to pick up a few good books and stimulate your mind!

In social studies this year, you will cover ancient Greece, Rome, the Middle East, and the Middle Ages. Works of fiction with these backgrounds will give you a head start when school begins. The librarians at your local branch of Montgomery County Public Libraries may suggest other books by the authors not included. There isn't room for everything in this book list. Since every library in the public system cannot own a copy of every book, this also is your chance to learn of the wonders of interlibrary loan.

**For your reading enjoyment this summer, here are some suggestions:**

- Alexander                      When the mysterious King Jaya arrives at his castle in the middle of the night and challenges him to a game of dice, Tamar, King of Sundari, loses everything. Then he must go on a journey to recover his honor. This is **The Iron Ring**. Recovering from a near death illness and unable to go back to Rittenhouse Academy, eleven year old David is tutored by an elderly aunt called the Gawgon (gorgon) in the adventuresome **Gawgon and the Boy**. Compare to Alexander's **Time Cat**.
- Aliki                              **A Medieval Feast** is superbly illustrated and jam-packed with information. Unfortunately, it is too short for summer book reports. Try comparing it to others, **A Tournament of Knights** by Joe Lasker, for example.
- Armstrong, Alan                **Whittington** is an unforgettable tale of a barn full of animals, a storytelling cat, and two orphaned grandkids. This well-crafted story about relationships, the difficulty of learning to read, and the legendary adventures of Dick Whittington and his cat is a 2006 Newbery Honor book.
- Avi                                 **Windcatcher**: An eleven year old boy stumbles upon treasure seekers and finds himself in a daring hunt for a shipwreck. An orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth century England flees his village and meets a larger than life juggler who holds a dangerous secret in **Crispin, Cross of Lead**.
- Babbitt, Natalie                **In Tuck Everlasting**, Winnie discovers the great secret of the Tuck family.
- Banks, Lynne Reid              **The Indian in the Cupboard** and **The Return of the Indian** - Omri receives a magic cupboard that brings toys to life. In the sequel, Omri decides to bring the Indian back, only to find him near death and in need of help. **The Secret of the Indian** , **Key to the Indian**, **The Mystery of the Cupboard** are the other books in this series
- Bauer, Marion Dane            Joel breaks a promise to his parents in **On My Honor** and must then cope with the guilt when his best friend vanishes during a swimming contest.

- Black, Holly **Doll Bones** (Fiction) Zach, Poppy, and Alice have been good friends for a long time, but the impending stage of adolescence threatens to end their unending fun playing in imaginary worlds, with dolls and action figures. Only a very epic, and sometimes creepy, journey to solve a mystery surrounding a beautiful but haunting doll will bring the three friends back together and give them all an adventure they will never forget. (2014 Newbery Honor book)
- Blumberg, Rhoda **Commodore Perry in the Land of the Shogun** ( non- fiction) tells of Perry's major role in opening Japan's closed society to world trade in the 1850's.
- Borden, Louise **The Journey that Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margaret and H.A. Rey.** (Non-fiction) Did you know that Curious George was almost never published? This book recounts the true story of the true story of the daring escape of authors from Paris during World War II.
- Brooks, Polly Schoyer **Queen Eleanor, Independent Spirit Of The Medieval World** Beautiful, courageous, extravagant Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine was all of this.
- Byars, Betsy **The Pinballs** are present-day foster children; **The Night Swimmers** are a girl and her two younger brothers; in **The Summer of the Swans**, a girl searches for her missing 10-year-old brother; and in **The Not-Just-Anybody Family**, Junior Blossom tries to fly off of the barn roof and Pap, his grandfather, ends up in jail after accidentally dumping thousands of soda cans on Spring Street. This is the beginning of the Blossom series: - **Meet the Vulture Lady, -and the Green Phantom, A Blossom Promise, and Wanted: Mud Blossom**, a Black-Eyed Susan nominee.
- Christopher, John **The White Mountains** is modern science fiction in which three friends fight the Tripods. Sequels: **Pool of Fire** and **The City of Gold and Lead**; also a "prequel" **When the Tripods Came.**
- Conford, Ellen Abbey Adams discovers she is not an ordinary Kansas teenager but really Princess Florinda, heir to the throne of Saxony Coburn in **A Royal Pain.**
- Cooper, Susan **Over Sea, Under Stone** is the first in **The Dark Is Rising** sequence. English children in a modern setting make strange discoveries and battle the forces of the "Dark". Who is Uncle Merryman really? Or should we say who was he? In **King of Shadows**, while in London as part of an all-boy acting company, Nat Field suddenly finds himself transported back to 1599 and performing in the original Globe Theatre.
- Curtis, Christopher **The Watsons Go To Birmingham - 1963** A trip to visit Grandma in Birmingham, Alabama, proves to be a life-changing experience for everyone in the family. It is 1936 and our country is in the middle of the Great Depression. In **Bud, Not Buddy** times are hard when a ten-year-old hits the road in search of his father, a heartwarming and humorous story.
- Cushman, Karen **Catherine Called Birdie** Thirteen-year-old Catherine, the daughter of an English country knight, records in her journal her struggles to learn the skills of a lady of the manor. She longs for adventure beyond the usual role of women, and tries to avoid being married off by her father.

- De Angeli, Marguerite **The Door in the Wall** is the story of a crippled boy and the monks who teach him.
- DiCamillo, Kate **The Tale of Despereaux**, is a story of a tiny mouse with huge ears who falls in love with a young princess. Having read of knights and their ladies, he vows to honor her and his behavior gets him banished to the dungeon. This is the 2004 Newbery Gold Medal Winner.
- Downer, Ann **In Hatching Magic**, the wizard Gideon from medieval England disappears through a magic hole into the 21<sup>st</sup> century while following a pet dragon.
- George, Jean Craighead **My Side of the Mountain, On The Far Side of the Mountain, Julie of the Wolves, Julie, and Julie's Wolf Pack** are interesting stories of young people on their own in the wilderness. Mrs. George grew up in the Potomac Palisades; her two brothers are retired from measuring grizzly bears for the Department of Interior. One of her nephews had a new nature book on eagles published recently.
- Giff, Patricia Reilly **Lily's Crossing** In the summer of 1944, Lily begins a special friendship with an orphaned Hungarian refugee named Albert. Even though she makes up stories all the time, Lily tells a really big lie- a lie that could endanger Albert's life. Companion book, **Willow Run**, is about different kinds of bravery during World War II.
- Gipson, Fred **Old Yeller**, and **Savage Sam** are funny, scary, and sometimes sad tales of boys and dogs homesteading in Texas over 100 years ago.
- Goor, Ron **Pompeii: Exploring a Roman Ghost Town** (non-fiction) examines the political, social, cultural, and religious life of this ancient city, destroyed by a volcanic eruption in 79 AD.
- Grabenstein, Chris **Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library** (Fiction) Kyle is not a big reader, but he loves all kinds of games: board games, video games, puzzles, trivia games, and more! Kyle is chosen, along with eleven other twelve-year-olds to participate in the opening of a new library in town, with state-of-the-art technology, books, and games galore. It is only when they discover that they are locked in and must solve their way out of the library that Kyle uses his wits and logic to win the game.
- Hahn, Mary Downing Kathleen moves to the Eastern shore with her mother and sisters, living with their aunt and uncle, after their father loses his job in Baltimore in **The Jellyfish Season** (1 copy available, Damascus library). Sharing a room with her spoiled cousin is a struggle.
- Henry, Marguerite You may read any of her wonderful horse stories.
- Jacques, Brian **Redwall** Matthias, a young peace-loving mouse becomes an unlikely hero in order to defeat the evil rat, Cluny the Scourge. The Redwall series is about the imaginary world of Redwall Abbey and the animals that live there.
- Kjelgaard, Jim **Big Red, Irish Red**, exciting dog stories.

- Konigsburg, E.L. **A Proud Taste for Scarlet and Miniver** is a fictionalized version of Eleanor of Aquitaine's life, told by different relatives and members of the court. She was married to two kings and greatly responsible for promoting the legend of King Arthur and the idea of courtly behavior.
- Lasker, Joe **A Tournament of Knights** is a beautifully illustrated story of jousting with a glossary to help explain equipment, customs, etc. **Merry Ever After** is Lasker's portrayal of two weddings - one among the nobility, the other among the peasants. These books are too short for individual reports, so read them both or combine them with Ailiki's **A Medieval Feast** or Bulla's **The Sword in the Tree**.
- Levine, Gail Carson **Ella Enchanted** Ella is the unfortunate recipient of a foolish fairy's "gift" of obedience in which she must obey any order given to her. **The Two Princesses of Bamarre** is a story of a perilous quest led by an epic poem and a hero of long ago. In **Fairest**, a tale filled with humor, adventure, romance, and song, the fairy Lucinda again gives a dreadful gift, a magical mirror. **Tale of Two Castles** is the story of an apprentice learning lessons of being observant and reasoning from a dragon.
- Lewis, C.S. **The Magician's Nephew** is the first of the Chronicles of Narnia, a marvelous series for those who love imaginary lands. The series includes **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**.
- Norton, Mary **The Borrowers** Have you ever noticed that pins, rubber bands, and pencils seem to disappear? If so, you may have Borrowers living in the walls of your house! Several sequels.
- O'Dell, Scott **The King's Fifth** relates the adventures of some conquistadores in Mexico and the southwest in the 1540's.
- Paterson, Katherine **The Great Gilly Hopkins** is a child in foster care who faces a difficult decision; **Come Sing, Jimmy Jo** describes the changes that James struggles with when he becomes the featured singer in his family's country music group; in **The Master Puppeteer**, a young apprentice searches for a mysterious bandit in feudal Japan; **Park's Quest** is to find some answers to his questions about his father and Viet Nam; **Of Nightingales That Weep** is another Japanese story. In **Preacher's Boy**, a preacher's son decides to become an "apeist" at the turn of the nineteenth century. **The King's Equal** is the story of a young prince who must find an equal in his bride.
- Paulsen, Gary **The Boy Who Owned The School** is trying to slip through high school unnoticed, but a beautiful girl, a fog machine, and **The Wizard of Oz** won't let him. Paulson has written many other exciting adventures including **The River** and **The Monument**. Don't forget the **Francis Tucket** western adventure series.
- Sachar, Louis The Yelnats family has a history of bad luck, so Stanley isn't surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to a detention center. At the camp on a dry lake bed, the boys must dig a hole a day, five feet deep, and five feet across. In **Holes**, Stanley tries to dig up the truth about this pointless labor.
- Snyder, Zilpha Keatly **Song of the Gargoyle**, a fantasy set in the Middle Ages, thirteen-year-old Tymmon plots to rescue his father.

- Sperry, Armstrong      Young Mafatu sets out to conquer his fear of the seas in **Call It Courage**.
- Spinelli, Jerry          **Crash** Eighth grader, Crash Coogan, reflects on his life as a football star bully and his relationship with the dweeb, Penn Webb.
- Temple, Frances        Set in England, France, and Spain during the Crusades, **The Ramsey Scallop** is a tale of pilgrimage, adventure, and romance.
- Ullman, James          After his father dies during an attempt to climb the Citadel, young Rudi wants to prove to himself and everyone else that climbing Switzerland's greatest mountain can be done in **Banner in the Sky**.
- Walsh, Jill Paton        **The Green Book** What book would you take with you if you were colonizing a new planet?
- White, E.B.              **The Trumpet of the Swan** Distressed at being a trumpeter swan that cannot make a sound, Louis is determined to learn to play the trumpet. Also by this author are **Charlotte's Web** and **Stuart Little**.
- Winthrop, Elizabeth    Through the gift of a toy castle, including a silver knight, William is led on a personal quest that teaches love and responsibility in the fantasy and adventure story, **Castle in the Attic**. Twelve-year-old William returns to the medieval land of Sir Simon to face an evil force in the sequel, **Battle for the Castle**.
- Wrede, Patricia C.      **Dealing With Dragons** Cimorene is not a proper princess. She is too tall, too stubborn, and finds being a princess unbearably dull. She runs away to become the princess of the dragon Kazul and gets involved with a jinn, a death-dealing bird, a stone prince, and some very disreputable wizards. Sequels include **Searching for Dragons**, **Calling on Dragons**, and **Talking to Dragons**.
- Yolen, Jane              **Wizard's Hall** is an enchanting fantasy tale about a young wizard who does what is right when it matters most.

***God will not take a vacation from you this summer; please don't take one from Him. Check the Dewey number 200 shelves in the public library for Bible stories and the JB (biography) shelves for lives of the saints and other good people who have contributed something to civilization.***

**HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER, READING!**