

SIXTH GRADE SUMMER READING

The Book to Read (or read to your child) for Our Theme of commUNITY:

Every sixth grader must read/hear the wonderful book, Before the Ever After by Jacqueline Woodson. You can check it out of the library, purchase a hard copy and find an audible version of the book. If your child listens to the book, please make sure that he/she is reading along with a hard copy of the book too. We are asking that your child read at least 30 minutes a day over the summer to help maintain their reading fluency.. We also encourage you to ask your child how he/she thinks Before the Ever After relates to commUNITY. Happy reading!

Other Wonderful Books to Read Over the Summer:

- Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- The Crossover Series by Kwame Alexander
- The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani
- I Can Make This Promise by Christine Day
- Apple in the Middle by Dawn Quigley
- New Kid by Jerry Craft
- Over the Moon by Natalie Lloyd
- My Fate According to the Butterfly by Gail Villanueva
- Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- Refugee by Alan Gratz
- Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
- The Boys in The Boat by Daniel James Brown
- Echo by Pam Ryan
- Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga
- I Will Always Write You Back by Caitlin Alifirenka, Liz Welch, and Martin Ganda
- The Marvels by Brian Selznick

- A Place to Belong by Joan Nixon
- Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
- Extraordinary Birds by Sandy Stark-McGinnis
- The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen
- Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
- Front Desk by Kelly Yang
- Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
- Greenglass House by Kate Milford
- Blackbird Fly by Erin Estrada Kelly
- Hello, Universe by Erin Estrada Kelly
- Roller Girl by Jamieson
- House Without Walls by Ching Yeung Russell
- The Girl that Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill
- Stella by Starlight by Draper

Classics

- The Secret Garden by Burnett
- The Phantom Tollbooth by Juster
- The Black Stallion by Farley

Challenging Classics

- House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- Little Women by May Alcott

Picture Books- Five minutes here, 10 minutes there, plenty of time for a complete literary experience! Picture books are adventure, imagination, language, interaction, precision, and so much more.

- Peppe the Lamplighter by Elisa Bartone
- For the Right to Learn: The Malala Yousafzai Story by R. Langston-George and Janna Rose Bock
- Goin' Someplace Special by Patricia McKissack and Jerry Pinkney

- [Alejandro's Gift](#) by Richard E. Albert
- [The Raft](#) by Jim LaMarche
- [Pink and Say](#) by Patricia Polacco
- [The Name Jar](#) by Yangsook Choi
- [The Boy Who Drew Birds](#) by Jacqueline Davies
- [Thank You Omu](#) by Oge Mora
- [All Because You Matter](#) by Tami Charles and Brian Collier

Poetry

Start exploring classic poems to help get ready for our Poetry Slam.

- [Poetry for Young People](#) William Blake
- [Inside Out and Back Again](#) by Thanhha Lai
- [Poetry for Young People](#): Maya Angelou
- [I, Too, Am American](#) by Langston Hughes (some illustrations by Barack Obama)

HEBREW READING

For our theme of commUNITY in Hebrew: **דירה להשכיר מאת לאה גולדברג**

This year, each child has worked hard to improve fluency in Hebrew. We are asking you to help your child maintain the habit of reading in Hebrew over the summer – even if it is just for 5 minutes each day. The *Bishvil Halvrit* portal will continue to be open through the end of July. If you need any support with *Bishvil Halvrit*, please contact Morah Vardit at vardit@akivanashville.net. If you are interested in borrowing any other books for the summer, please let us know.