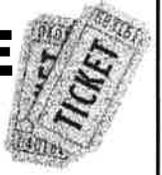




# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



## Read Books to Earn Raffle Tickets - Every 100 Pages Earns One Raffle Ticket

- Tickets will be distributed at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.
- It's up to you in how many raffle tickets you earn!
  - Read 100 Pages = 1 Raffle Ticket
  - Read 200 Pages = 2 Raffle Tickets
  - Read 1,000 Pages = 10 Raffle Tickets!
- Use Raffle Tickets you earn for many **exciting prizes** at the beginning of the school year.
- Be sure to use the log attached to keep track of the books you read! Summer Reading Logs are due the first week of school.



## Want to Earn Extra Raffle Tickets?

- Record a review of the books you have read
- This should be a review that DOES NOT include the ending! Your goal is to get more people to read this book. Think of this as a movie preview!
- Be sure to include:
  - Main Characters
  - Setting
  - Brief Summary
  - Would you recommend this book to a classmate? Why or why not?
- This would also be a great place to look for your next book to read by watching other students' reviews.



## 5th Grade Summer Reading Books

**Great Illustrated Classics: Call of the Wild** - Buck is stolen from his lavish lifestyle and sold to be a sled dog in the treacherous winter weather of the unforgiving Yukon during a Gold Rush. In order to stay alive, he must embrace his instincts to emerge as a leader in the wild. --Recommended by Mr. Bartholomew

**Bud not Buddy**- After escaping from a children's orphanage, Bud goes on an adventure to find his father and in doing so, learns a lot about himself. Recommended by Miss Brescia

**Wonder**- August Pullman, a boy with facial differences enters into a real school for the first time as he starts his fifth grade year. Follow August through his journey of finding friends and learning how to overcome his facial differences. --Recommended by Miss Kline

**The House on Mango Street** - A series of vignettes which tell the story of Esperanza's childhood in Chicago. Recommended by Miss Brescia

**Amber Brown is not a Crayon** - Amber Brown and Justin Daniels have been best friends since preschool. Now, Amber and Justin have to deal with Justin moving away. Recommended by Miss Brescia

**Bridge to Terabithia**- Two fifth graders who become friends, create an imaginary land where they go to forget their worries and problems. --Recommended by Mr. Bartholomew

**Number the Stars**- A young Danish girl helps to smuggle her Jewish friend to safety. Recommended by Miss Brescia

**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**- A 10 year old boy comes to find his parents were killed by a powerful wizard, meaning he too is a wizard. His life is transported to Hogwarts where he learns who he really is. Recommended by Miss Brescia

**Clue Jr.** - With a common character list, the Clue Jr. team works together to solve mysteries in this engaging series of vignettes. Each story comes with a solution. Read Carefully! --Mr. Bartholomew

**A Wrinkle in Time** - Meg Murry and her little brother, Charles Wallace, have been without their scientist father, Mr. Murry, for five years, ever since he discovered a new planet and used the concept known as a tesseract to travel there. Joined by Meg's classmate Calvin O'Keefe and guided by the three mysterious astral travelers known as Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who and Mrs. Which, the children brave a dangerous journey to a planet that possesses all of the evil in the universe. Recommended by Miss Brescia

**Holes**- Stanley Yelnats is under a curse. When he gets convicted of a crime he didn't commit, he tries to dig up the truth about his family's past. --Recommended by Miss Kline

**Falling Up-** Book of Poetry. Recommended by Miss Brescia

**My Side of the Mountain** - Sam Gibley leaves his New York lifestyle to become self-sufficient living in the forest all alone. --Recommended by Mr. Bartholomew

**Hatchet** - Brian is flying to visit his father when the pilot of his bush plane dies of a heart attack. Brian has to crash-land the plane in a shallow wilderness lake, where he is stranded alone. After the plane crash, Brian must fend for himself. His only tool is a hatchet, given to him by his mother. --Recommended by Mr. Bartholomew

**Tesla's Attic-** With a plot combining science and the supernatural, four kids are caught up in a dangerous plan concocted by the eccentric inventor, Nikola Tesla. After their home burns down, fourteen-year-old Nick, his younger brother, and their father move into a ramshackle Victorian house they've inherited. Recommended by Miss Brescia

**Flat Stanley-** When Stanley Lambchop wakes up one morning, his brother, Arthur, is yelling. A bulletin board fell on Stanley during the night, and now he is only half an inch thick! Amazing things begin happening to him. Stanley gets rolled up, mailed, and flown like a kite. He even gets to help catch two dangerous art thieves. He may be flat, but he's a hero. Recommended by Miss Brescia

**Peter Pan by JM Barrie-** Peter Pan (also known as the Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up or Peter and Wendy) is the story of a mischievous little boy who can fly, and his adventures on the island of Neverland with Wendy Darling and her brothers, the fairy Tinker Bell, the Lost Boys, the Indian princess Tiger Lily, and the pirate Captain Hook. Recommended by Miss Brescia

**Hoot-** After moving to Florida, Roy makes friends with two outcasts, as well as an enemy. They band together in order to stop construction of new pancake house where a colony of owls lives. --Recommended by Miss Kline

**The Tale of Despereaux-** Once a thriving place of sunshine and delicious soup, the faraway kingdom of Dor has fallen into sadness. An accident leaves the king brokenhearted; the sunshine fades, and the soup disappears. Into this world is born Despereaux (Matthew Broderick), a book-loving mouse and friend to Princess Pea (Emma Watson). When Pea is kidnapped, Despereaux must find a knight's brave heart within his tiny body and rescue his friend. Recommended by Miss Brescia

**Surviving the Applewhites-** Surviving the Applewhites is the story of thirteen-year-old Jake Semple who after accidentally burning down his school, has been forced to live with an eccentric artist family to avoid being sent to a juvenile detention center. Recommended by Miss Brescia

**The Birchbark House-** The book is the first in a five-book series. It takes place in 1847 on Madeline Island, or Moningwanaykaning, meaning "Island of the Golden-Breasted

Woodpecker,” located on Lake Superior. The book follows the story of Omakayas, a young Anishinabe (Indigenous Ojibwa) girl and her family over the course of one year. Recommended by Miss Brescia

## 6th Grade Summer Reading Books

### FICTION

***Blended*** by Sharon M. Draper

Eleven-year-old Isabella's blended family is more divided than ever in this thoughtful story about divorce and racial identity from the award-winning and *New York Times* bestselling author of *Out of My Mind*, Sharon M. Draper.

***The Crossover*** by Kwame Alexander

As their winning season unfolds, things begin to change. When Jordan meets a girl, the twins' bond unravels. Told in dynamic verse, this fast and furious middle grade novel that started it all absolutely bounces with rhythm and bursts with heart.

***Ghost*** by Jason Reynolds

Ghost wants to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle school track team, but his past is slowing him down in this first electrifying novel of a brand-new series from Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award-winning author Jason Reynolds.

***A Night Divided*** by Jennifer Nielsen

With the rise of the Berlin Wall, Gerta finds her family suddenly divided. She, her mother, and her brother Fritz live on the eastern side, controlled by the Soviets. Her father and middle brother, who had gone west in search of work, cannot return home. Gerta knows it is dangerous to watch the wall, yet she can't help herself. She sees the East German soldiers with their guns trained on their own citizens; she, her family, her neighbors and friends are prisoners in their own city.

***Bridge to Terabithia*** by Katherine Paterson

An extraordinarily powerful tribute to friendship, this Newbery Award-winning novel recounts the unlikely friendship of a country boy, Jess, and his neighbor, an uprooted city girl named Leslie. When Leslie is killed during a storm while trying to reach Terabithia, their secret hiding place, Jess must gather all his strength to come to terms with his loss and find a way to heal.

***The Egypt Game*** by Zilpha Keatley Snyder

Even to Melanie, who knew that you could never predict what a new kid would be like, April Hall was something of a surprise. One look at her stringy upswept hair, false eyelashes, and ragged fox-fur collar, convinced Melanie that April was not going to be easy to integrate into the sixth grade at Wilson School. Within a month, April and Melanie had developed a common interest in ancient Egypt and had begun to develop a land of Egypt in an abandoned storage yard. Complications arose when other people joined the original Egyptians, when a murderer ranged the neighborhood, and when an oracle predicted strange things. But it was all in the game, which gave even April a fall and winter to remember.

***Out of my Mind*** by Sharon M. Draper

Eleven-year-old Melody is not like most people. She can't walk. She can't talk. She can't write. All because she has cerebral palsy. But she also has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She's the smartest kid in her whole school, but NO ONE knows it. Most people—her teachers, her doctors, her classmates—dismiss her as mentally challenged because she can't tell them otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by her disability. And she's determined to let everyone know it...somehow.

***Because of Winn Dixie*** by Katie DiCamillo

One summer's day, ten-year-old India Opal Buloni goes down to the local supermarket for some groceries – and comes home with a dog. But Winn-Dixie is no ordinary dog. It's because of Winn-Dixie that Opal begins to make friends. And it's because of Winn-Dixie that she finally dares to ask her father about her mother, who left when Opal was three. In fact, as Opal admits, just about everything that happens that summer is because of Winn-Dixie.

***Wonder*** by RJ Palacio

August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. *WONDER*, now a #1 New York Times bestseller and included on the Texas Bluebonnet Award master list, begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance.

***Finding Audrey*** by Sophie Kinsella

Fourteen-year-old Audrey struggles with severe anxiety stemming from unspecified school bullying. She is under a doctor's care and making slow but steady progress, but things significantly change when Audrey meets her brother's online gaming friend, Linus. Despite her social anxiety, Audrey finds it easy to talk to Linus, and their friendship eventually turns into a sweet romance.

***A Series of Unfortunate Events*** by Lemony Snicket

the story of the three Baudelaire orphans, Violet, Claus and Sunny. The books are **narrated** by Lemony Snicket, a mysterious man who follows the story through clues passed on through a secret organization known only as the V.F.D.

**MATH**

***A Wrinkle in Time*** by Madeleine L'Engle

It was a dark and stormy night; Meg Murry, her small brother Charles Wallace, and her mother had come down to the kitchen for a midnight snack when they were upset by the arrival of a most disturbing stranger.

*A Wrinkle in Time*, is the story of the adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe (athlete, student, and one of the most popular boys in high

school). They are in search of Meg's father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government on the tesseract problem.

***Ruby Redfort Feel the Fear*** by Lauren Child

Lauren Child wrote this math book for middle school students. It is about Ruby Redfort, who is a 13-year-old genius and a modern super hero, able to crack codes and take dangerous risks to catch the bad guy. Poor Ruby believes that she cannot fail, but her recklessness causes her to miss important warning signs of impending trouble.

## **GRAPHIC NOVEL**

***El Deafo*** by Cece Bell

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful—and very awkward—hearing aid.

The Phonic Ear gives Cece the ability to hear—sometimes things she shouldn't—but also isolates her from her classmates. She really just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her as she is. After some trouble, she is finally able to harness the power of the Phonic Ear and become “El Deafo, Listener for All.” And more importantly, declare a place for herself in the world and find the friend she's longed for.

***Smile*** by Raina Telgemeier

Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after Girl Scouts she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth, and what follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached. And on top of all that, there's still more to deal with: a major earthquake, boy confusion, and friends who turn out to be not so friendly. This coming-of-age true story is sure to resonate with anyone who has ever been in middle school, and especially those who have ever had a bit of their own dental drama.

***Middle School: Big Fat Liar (Middle School series Book 3)*** by James Patterson

Georgia Khatchadorian—the sister of Rafe, the star of the first two Middle School books—plans to excel at Hills Village Middle School in all the places her troublemaking brother failed. She's even bet him that she'll quickly become one of the most popular girls in school, but no one will give her a chance! Even worse, Rafe has sneakily set her up to embarrass herself in front of the snooty “Princesses” who run the school and the boy who's caught her eye. Will she be able to overcome her fears and win her bet with Rafe? Find out THE TRUTH about Rafe Khatchadorian's sister in the first Middle School story from the point of view of the hilarious Georgia—a girl who's ready to speak her mind!

## **HISTORICAL FICTION**

***Esperanza Rising*** by Pam Munoz Ryan

Esperanza thought she'd always live with her family on their ranch in Mexico, and that she'd always have fancy dresses, a beautiful home, and servants. But a sudden tragedy

forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California during the Great Depression, and to settle in a camp for Mexican farm workers.

***The Boys Who Challenged Hitler*** by Phillip M. Hoose

During WWII, Denmark didn't resist Nazi occupation, and this deeply shamed 15-year-old Knud Pedersen, who along with his brother and some classmates started a small, secret club of political resisters in 1941. Full of brave but naïve teenage boys desperate to undermine the Nazi regime, the Churchill Club committed 25 acts of sabotage

***Al Capone Does My Shirts*** by Gennifer Choldenko

Today I moved to a twelve-acre rock covered with cement, topped with bird turd and surrounded by water. I'm not the only kid who lives here. There's my sister, Natalie, except she doesn't count. And there are twenty-three other kids who live on the island because their dads work as guards or cook's or doctors or electricians for the prison, like my dad does. Plus, there are a ton of murderers, rapists, hit men, con men, stickup men, embezzlers, connivers, burglars, kidnappers and maybe even an innocent man or two, though I doubt it. The convicts we have are the kind other prisons don't want. I never knew prisons could be picky, but I guess they can. You get to Alcatraz by being the worst of the worst. Unless you're me. I came here because my mother said I had to.

***Number the Stars*** by Lois Lowry

As the German troops begin their campaign to "relocate" all the Jews of Denmark, Annemarie Johansen's family takes in Annemarie's best friend, Ellen Rosen, and conceals her as part of the family. Through the eyes of ten-year-old Annemarie, we watch as the Danish Resistance smuggles almost the entire Jewish population of Denmark, nearly seven thousand people, across the sea to Sweden. The heroism of an entire nation reminds us that there was pride and human decency in the world even during a time of terror and war

***Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story*** by Nora Raleigh Baskin

From the critically acclaimed author of *Anything But Typical* comes a "tense...and thought-provoking" (*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review) look at the days leading up to the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and how that day impacted the lives of four middle schoolers.

***The Book Thief*** by Markus Zusak

*When Death has a story to tell, you listen.*

It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still.

Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement.

***Fever 1793*** by Laurie Halse Anderson

During the summer of 1793, Mattie Cook lives above the family coffee shop with her widowed mother and grandfather. Mattie spends her days avoiding chores and making plans to turn the family business into the finest Philadelphia has ever seen. But then the fever breaks out. Disease sweeps the streets, destroying everything in its path and turning Mattie's world upside down. At her feverish mother's insistence, Mattie flees the city with her grandfather. But she soon discovers that the sickness is everywhere, and Mattie must learn quickly how to survive in a city turned frantic with disease.

## NONFICTION

***Chasing Lincoln's Killer*** by James L. Swanson

Based on rare archival material, obscure trial manuscripts, and interviews with relatives of the conspirators and the manhunters, CHASING LINCOLN'S KILLER is a fast-paced thriller about the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth: a wild twelve-day chase through the streets of Washington, D.C., across the swamps of Maryland, and into the forests of Virginia.

***Brown Girl Dreaming*** by Jacqueline Woodson

Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. Touching and powerful, each poem is both accessible and emotionally charged, each line a glimpse into a child's soul as she searches for her place in the world. Woodson's eloquent poetry also reflects the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, despite the fact that she struggled with reading as a child. Her love of stories inspired her and stayed with her, creating the first sparks of the gifted writer she was to become.

***Bomb: The Race to Build - and Steal - the World's Most Dangerous Weapon*** by Steve Sheinkin

In December of 1938, a chemist in a German laboratory made a shocking discovery: When placed next to radioactive material, a Uranium atom split in two. That simple discovery launched a scientific race that spanned 3 continents. In Great Britain and the United States, Soviet spies worked their way into the scientific community; in Norway, a commando force slipped behind enemy lines to attack German heavy-water manufacturing; and deep in the desert, one brilliant group of scientists was hidden away at a remote site at Los Alamos. This is the story of the plotting, the risk-taking, the deceit, and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon. This is the story of the atomic bomb.

## **7th Grade Summer Reading Books**

### **Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick**

Thirteen-year-old Steven has a totally normal life: he plays drums in the All-Star Jazz band, has a crush on the hottest girl in the school, and is constantly annoyed by his five-year-old brother, Jeffrey. But when Jeffrey is diagnosed with leukemia, Steven's world is turned upside down. He is forced to deal with his brother's illness and his parents' attempts to keep the family in one piece. Salted with humor and peppered with devastating realities, DRUMS, GIRLS, AND DANGEROUS PIE is a heartwarming journey through a year in the life of a family in crisis.

### **Adrift by Paul Griffin**

*Adrift* is an intense psychological thriller about a group of five teens adrift in the Atlantic Ocean for fifteen days. Griffin's portrayal of their attempts to survive is both gritty and realistic and doesn't have a happily-ever-after ending.

### **Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (Young Adult Fiction)**

Hatchet tells the story of 13-year-old Brian Robeson and his successful attempt to survive alone in the wilderness. When the novel begins, Brian's parents have recently divorced, an event that Brian finds painful. Brian boards a small plane to fly to meet his father in Canada, where his father is working.

### **The Giver by Lois Lowry (Dystopian Novel)**

The Giver is a story of a brilliant boy named Jonas who happens to live in a society that is being controlled by the rules and tradition of The Elders. Through his wisdom and mannerism, Jonas is selected as the Receiver of Memory, a post that distinguishes him from others and gives him authority.

### **Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan (Historical Drama)**

Esperanza thought she'd always live with her family on their ranch in Mexico, and that she'd always have fancy dresses, a beautiful home, and servants. But a sudden tragedy forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California during the Great Depression, and to settle in a camp for Mexican farm workers.

### **The Boy Who Saved Baseball by John H. Ritter**

When Tom Gallagher makes an unnecessary statement, a series of events takes place that results in a major baseball game that will determine the fate of Dillontown, and now Tom must find a way to get the best coaches on his side in order to win the game and redeem himself.

### **Maze Runner Series by James Dashner**

The Maze Runner is the first book in the series.

When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his name. He's surrounded by strangers, boys whose memories are also gone. Nice to meet ya, shank. Welcome to the Glade.

### **The Heroes of Olympus by Rick Riordan**

The Lightning Thief is the first book in the series.

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson is on the most dangerous quest of his life. With the help of a satyr and a daughter of Athena, Percy must journey across the United States to catch a thief who has stolen the original weapon of mass destruction — Zeus' master bolt. Along the way, he must face a host of mythological enemies determined to stop him. Most of all, he must come to terms with a father he has never known, and an Oracle that has warned him of betrayal by a friend.

### **Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling**

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone is the first book in the series.

Harry Potter did not know he was a wizard until his letter to Hogwart's showed up. Harry Potter, a young wizard who discovers his magical heritage on his eleventh birthday, when he receives a letter of acceptance to Hogwart's School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Harry makes close friends and a few enemies during his first year at the school, and with the help of his friends, Harry faces an attempted comeback by the dark wizard Lord Voldemort, who killed Harry's parents, but failed to kill Harry when he was just 15 months old.

### **Awkward by Svetline Chmakova**

*Awkward* is a children's graphic novel written by Svetlana Chmakova. The book tells the story of Penelope "Peppi" Torres, a new student at Berrybrook Middle School, whose first encounter with a boy from the science club leads to several awkward encounters that Peppi must learn to overcome for the good of her art club, the school, and herself.

### **Knucklehead: Tall Tales & Mostly True Stories by Jon Scieszka**

How did Jon Scieszka get so funny, anyway? Growing up as one of six brothers was a good start, but that was just the beginning. Throw in Catholic school, lots of comic books, lazy summers at the lake with time to kill, babysitting misadventures, TV shows, jokes told at family dinner, and the result is *Knucklehead*. Part memoir, part scrapbook, this hilarious trip down memory lane provides a unique glimpse into the formation of a creative mind and a free spirit.

### **Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard, Book 1: The Sword of Summer ( Series, Book 1)**

The novel is narrated in the first-person view by Magnus Chase, 16-year-old demigod and homeless orphan. After his death and arrival in Norse afterlife as an einherji, Magnus discovers that he is the son of the Norse deity, Frey, and must stop Fenris Wolf from escaping his prison and ending the world. Since its release, the novel has been translated into 9 languages.

### **Flour Babies: Anne Fine**

Flour babies are the six-pound sacks of flour that the boys in Room 8--the classroom for underachievers and behavioral problems at the St. Boniface School --have been told to treat as real babies for three weeks, for the purposes of scientific inquiry.

### **How I Learned Geography: Uri Shulevitz**

Having fled from war a boy and his family are living in poverty in a strange country. Food is scarce, so when the boy's father brings home a map instead of bread for supper, at first the boy is furious. But when the map is hung on the wall, it floods their room with color. As the boy studies its every detail, he is transported to exotic places without ever leaving the room.

### **The Wednesday Wars: Gary Schmidt**

A story about a teenage boy's mishaps and adventures over the course of the 1967–68 school year in Long Island, New York. Meet Holling Hoodhood, a seventh-grader at Camillo Junior High, who must spend Wednesday afternoons with his teacher, Mrs. Baker, while the rest of the class has religious instruction. Mrs. Baker doesn't like Holling—he's sure of it. Why else would she make him read the plays of William Shakespeare outside class? But everyone has bigger things to worry about, like Vietnam. His father wants Holling and his sister to be on their best behavior: the success of his business depends on it. But how can Holling stay out of trouble when he has so much to contend with? As fate sneaks up on him again and again, Holling finds Motivation—the Big M—in the most unexpected places and musters up the courage to embrace his destiny, in spite of himself.

### **Hidden Figures: Young Reader's Edition**

#### **Margot Lee Shetterly**

Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as “human computers” used pencils, slide rules, and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space.

This book brings to life the stories of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden, who lived through the Civil Rights era, the Space Race, the Cold War, and the movement for gender equality, and whose work forever changed the face of NASA and the country.

### **Sid Fleischman**

In this fresh, witty biography of the most famous bamboozler since Merlin, Sid Fleischman, a former professional magician, enriches his warm homage with insider information and unmaskings. Did Houdini really pick the jailhouse lock to let a fellow circus performer escape? Were his secrets really buried with him? Was he a bum magician, as some rivals claimed? How did he manage to be born in two cities, in two countries, on two continents at the same instant?

**Lunch Money** by Andrew Clements From the writer of Frindle and other amazing middle school fiction books, Lunch Money is a story of a boy named Greg who loves money. After noticing that his classmates have extra cash at lunchtime for snacks, he spends his summer developing a comic book he can sell at lunchtime. 224 pgs

### **The Toothpaste Millionaire by Jean Merrill**

In this realistic fiction story, sixth-grader Rufus Mayflower is outraged by the price of toothpaste and sets out to see if he can make it cheaper. Along with his good friend Kate MacKinstrey, they develop a production plan and begin producing and selling gallons of more affordable toothpaste. They even have a factory. 140 pgs

### **Slave Dancer by Paula Fox**

Jessie Bollier often played his fife to earn a few pennies down by the New Orleans docks. One afternoon a sailor asked him to pipe a tune, and that evening Jessie was kidnapped and dumped aboard "The Moonlight," a slave ship, where a hateful duty awaited him.

### **Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings**

Brady loves life on the Chesapeake Bay with his friends J.T. and Digger. But developers and rich families are moving into the area, and while Brady befriends some of them, like the DiAngelos, his parents and friends are bitter about the changes. Tragedy strikes when the DiAngelos' kayak overturns in the bay, and Brady wonders if it was more than an accident. Soon, Brady discovers the terrible truth behind the kayak's sinking, and it will change the lives of those he loves forever. Priscilla Cummings deftly weaves a suspenseful tale of three teenagers caught in a wicked web of deception.

## 8th Grade Summer Reading Books

### **Nonfiction Texts:**

1. *Physics Of the Impossible* by Michio Kaku : Teleportation, time machines, force fields, and interstellar space ships—the stuff of science fiction or potentially attainable future technologies?
2. *Physics of the Future* by Michio Kaku : Space elevators. Internet-enabled contact lenses. Cars that fly by floating on magnetic fields. This is the stuff of science fiction—it's also daily life in the year 2100.
3. *Stuff Matters* by Mark Miodownik : Stuff Matters is about hidden wonders, the astonishing properties of materials we think boring, banal and unworthy of attention
4. *How to Turn \$100 into a \$1,000,000 : Earn! Save! Invest* by James McKenna & Jeannine Glista : Teaches a child how to set goals, budget, earn money through working and entrepreneurship, and how to invest
5. *Chasing American Monsters: Over 250 Creatures, Cryptids & Hairy Beasts* by Jason Offutt : These beasts and hundreds more will hold you spellbound, unable to look away from their frightful features and their extraordinary stories. Come face to face with modern-day dinosaurs, extraterrestrials, dragons, lizard men, giants, and flying humanoids. This illustrated collection includes more than 250 monsters and cryptids that will make your hair stand on end when you hear something go bump in the night.

### **Horror:**

1. *World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War* by Max Brooks : The Zombie War came unthinkable close to eradicating humanity. Driven by the urgency of preserving the acid-etched first-hand experiences of the survivors from those apocalyptic years, traveled across the United States of America and throughout the world, from decimated cities that once teemed with upwards of thirty million souls to the most remote and inhospitable areas of the planet.

### **Graphic Novels:**

1. *Hulk: World War Hulk* by Greg Pak : Hulk found peace on the planet Sakaar. But when the warp core of the ship that brought him there exploded, killing his family, Hulk vowed to destroy his betrayers - the heroes of Earth!
2. *Ghosts* by Raina Telgemeir : Having moved to Northern California for the sake of her little sister, Cat is even less happy when she is told that her new home is haunted, and Maya sets her heart on meeting a ghost.
3. *Awkward* by Svetlana Chmakova (1st book in Series) : Peppi is a young girl who doesn't fit anywhere except her art club. Her first day of school she embarrasses herself and ends up hurting the feelings of the nerdiest kid in school. This boy, Jamie, ends up joining the art club's arch-rival the science club. As the club's duke it out in the halls, Peppi and Jamie duke it out on the emotional level, both learning to come out of their shells and save their beloved clubs from cancellation.

### **Fiction:**

1. *The Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden & Garth Williams : Tucker is a streetwise city mouse. He's never met a cricket before, which really isn't surprising, because, along with his friend Harry Cat, Tucker lives in the very heart of New York City—the Times Square subway station. Now, like any tourist in the city, he wants to look around.
2. *An Abundance of Katherines* by John Green : Very funny! Colin Singleton has been dumped 19 times, all by different girls named Katherine. As Colin sets out on a road trip with his overweight, *Judge Judy*-loving best friend, he is determined to reinvent himself and avenge all the dumpees like himself without any help from a Katherine.
3. *The Rules of Survival* By Nancy Werlin : A 17-year-old boy, Matthew, who tries to free himself and his sisters from their emotionally and physically abusive mother.
4. *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli : Stargirl, who up till now has been homeschooled, starts school at Mica High as a tenth grader, where Leo is starting his eleventh grade year. Stargirl's entrance to school is a Big Deal for all the students in this small Arizona town. She immediately starts a stir with her wacky outfits and even more wacky behavior. She does all sorts of stuff that students at Mica High just don't get. Most importantly, she's friendly all the time, even though no one seems friendly back.

### **Science Fiction:**

1. *Aftermath* - Star Wars by Chuck Wendig : Reveals what happened after the events of 1983's Return of the Jedi. It turns out, there's more than just the Empire for the good guys to worry about.
2. *Thrawn* - Star Wars by Timothy Zahn : But Thrawn's origins and the story of his rise in the Imperial ranks have remained mysterious.
3. *Star Wars Ahsoka* by E. K. Johnston : Following her experiences with the Jedi and the devastation of Order 66, Ahsoka is unsure she can be part of a larger whole ever again.

### **Realistic Fiction:**

1. *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas : After Starr and her childhood friend Khalil, both black, leave a party together, they are pulled over by a white police officer, who kills Khalil. The sole witness to the homicide, Starr must testify before a grand jury that will decide whether to indict the cop, and she's terrified, especially as emotions run high.
2. *The Toothpaste Millionaire* by Jean Merrill : Sixth-grader Rufus Mayflower is outraged by the price of toothpaste and sets out to see if he can make it cheaper. Along with his good friend Kate MacKinstrey, they develop a production plan and begin producing and selling gallons of more affordable toothpaste. They even have a factory.

### **Historical Fiction:**

1. *The War Below* by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch : The Nazis took Luka from his home in Ukraine and forced him into a labor camp. Now, Luka has smuggled himself out -- even though he left behind his dearest friend, Lida. Someday, he vows, he'll find her again.
2. *Paper Wishes* by Lois Sepahban: A girl whose family is relocated to a Japanese internment camp during World War II—and the dog she has to leave behind.
3. *Day of the Pelican* by Katherine Patterson : Muslim family becomes refugees during the War in Kosovo in the 1990s. End up in America after 9/11.
4. *Refugee* by Alan Gratz : Josef (a Jewish boy in 1939), Isabel (a Cuban in 1994), and Mahmoud (a Syrian in 2015) flee their homes seeking safety. Readers will come to care deeply for each protagonist, recognizing the similarities in each of these different political periods and the universal face of courage.

### **Thriller/Mystery:**

1. *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill : An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside.
2. *Disappeared* by Franisco Stork : In Juarez, Mexico, young girls are disappearing. Sara is a journalist for a newspaper writing the stories of these young women, while constantly searching for her friend who disappeared four months ago. But as Sara closes in on the crime ring, others are closing in on Sara and her family
3. *One of Us is Lying* by Karen M. McManus : Five students enter detention, but only four come out. One is dead, and one is lying...but who?
4. *Trash* by Andy Mulligan : One unlucky-lucky day, Raphael finds something very special and very mysterious. So mysterious that he decides to keep it, even when the city police offer a handsome reward for its return. That decision brings with it terrifying consequences, and soon the dumpsite boys must use all of their cunning and courage to stay ahead of their pursuers. It's up to Raphael, Gardo, and Rat—boys who have no education, no parents, no homes, and no money—to solve the mystery and right a terrible wrong.