

# Summer Reading List

## Sixth Grade

Pre-6<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to read *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry, and then choose any two books from the list below. We will discuss and you will be tested on the required book when school resumes in August. You must complete the Summer Reading Journal (last page) for the two selected books that you read. The Journals will be collected during the first week of school.

### REQUIRED BOOK

*Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

### BOOK CHOICES

*The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling

Kipling revealed the value of self-sufficiency and the natural order of life. A child named Mowgli is raised by wolves and taught how to survive in the jungles of India.

*Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell

Black Beauty, a well-bred horse of the English countryside, knows a happy existence with gentle masters, but circumstances change and he is sold to progressively crueler owners until he collapses from the ill treatment. In the end he is rescued and restored to health by another kind owner.

*The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin

*The Westing Game* is an amusing murder mystery full of eclectic characters, one of whom may have murdered the mysterious and reclusive Sam Westing. Mr. Westing ties the distribution of

his great estate to winning the game he concocted to determine who murdered him. This book is a Newbery Medal winner and well worth reading.

*Wringer* by Jerry Spinelli

Palmer LaRue is running out of birthdays. For as long as he can remember, he's dreaded the day he turns ten – the day he'll take his place beside all the other ten-year-old boys in town, the day he'll be a wringer. But Palmer doesn't want to be a wringer. It's one of the first things he learned about himself and it's one of the biggest things he has to hide. In Palmer's town being a wringer is an honor, a tradition passed down from father to son. Palmer can't stop himself from being a wringer just like he can't stop himself from growing one year older, just like he can't stand up to a whole town – right?

*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father – the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

*My Louisiana Sky* by Kimberly Willis Holt

Growing up in Saitter, Louisiana, in the 1950s, twelve-year-old Tiger Ann struggles with her feelings about her stern, but loving grandmother, her mentally slow parents, and her good friend and neighbor Jesse.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Journal

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Your Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer each question in complete sentences.

Name the two most important characters and give a brief description of each.

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Where and when does the story take place?

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What was your favorite part of the story?

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