

## Grade 6 2024 Summer Reading Assignment/List

Required Reading for all students: Wonder by R.J. Palacio.

### 1. Main Summer Reading Essay Assignment:

Please write and then type a three- four paragraph essay and outline in which you explore one of the themes you have encountered in Wonder (for example, themes include: family, appearances, isolation, friendship, kindness, courage, coming of age, etc.). Please take some time to organize your thoughts and write an outline first.

Your essay must include:

1. A clear topic/leading sentence. title and author of the book. ( 1 paragraph)
2. A summary of the book. ( 1 paragraph)
3. Your opinion/reflection on the book – likes, dislikes, commendations, critiques, and evidence from the book to support your opinion. (Last paragraph)

### 2. Second Reading Assignment:

1. Choose one book from the suggested reading list below.
2. Please write 3-4 paragraphs in which you present a summary and opinion of the book you selected.
3. This second piece of writing should be formatted as follows:

An introduction with:

1. A clear topic/leading sentence. title and author of the book. ( 1 paragraph)
2. A summary of the book. ( 1 paragraph)
3. Your opinion/reflection on the book – likes, dislikes, commendations, critiques, and evidence from the book to support your opinion. (Last paragraph)

Recommended Summer Reading: For Second Essay

Fiction:

What I Saw and How I Lied by Judy Blundell

Countdown by Deborah Wiles  
Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool

Heart of a Samurai by Margi Preus

Rules: by Cynthia Lord

Fantasy/Science Fiction:

The Looking Glass Wars by Frank Beddor

Graceling by Kristen Cashore

Ship Breaker by Paola Bacigalupi

Watership Down by Richard Adams

The Little Prince by Antoine De Saint-Exupery

The False Prince by Jennifer Nielson

Classics:

The Red Pony by John Steinbeck

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

A Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Non-Fiction:

Becoming Muhammad Ali by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander

The Mayflower by Kate Messner

Knots in my Yo-Yo String: The Autobiography of a Kid

Marley Dias Gets it Done And So you Can by Marley Dias

Titanic: Voices from Disaster by Debrorah Hopkinson

Poetry:

Swan: Poems and Prose Poems by Mary Oliver

Delights and Shadows: Poems by Ted Kooser

Boris by Cynthia Rylant

- For every book read over and above Wonder and the second selection ( 3 or more novels ) will be considered extra credit. Worksheets for the Extra Credit to be filled out will be posted. The rubric should be filled out for self -reflection.