



### Required Summer Reading for Sixth Grade

Students entering sixth grade are required to read **The War That Saved My Life** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, and at least TWO additional books from the list.

Fiction	Non-Fiction
<p><b>Liar and Spy by Rebecca Stead</b> – 7th grader Georges moves into a Brooklyn apartment and meets 12-year-old Safer, loner and self-appointed spy, tracking the mysterious Mr. X.</p>	<p><b>The Great American Dust Bowl by Don Brown</b> – This graphic novel explores the American plains in the 1930’s when millions of kinetic dust particles “rained down” causing the catastrophe known as the Dust Bowl. A 2015-16 Texas Bluebonnet Award Nominee.</p>
<p><b>Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko</b> – Twelve year old Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935, when guards’ families were house there, and has to contend with his new environment and his autistic sister.</p>	<p><b>The Great and Only Barnum: The Tremendous, Stupendous Life of Showman P.T. Barnum by Candance Fleming</b> – Filled with reproductions of old photographs, circus posters, and museum flyers, this fascinating biography of the life of showman Phineas Taylor Barnum will both engage and entertain readers.</p>
<p><b>Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales: One Dead Spy by Nathan Hale</b> – A graphic novel of the events leading up to the capture and hanging of one of America’s most well-known spies.</p>	<p><b>Believe: The Victorious Story of Eric LeGrand by Eric LeGrand</b> – Eric LeGrand reflects on his life, discussing his childhood, family, success in high school and college sports, and the football injury which resulted in paralysis, rehabilitation, and more.</p>
<p><b>The Ballad of Lucy Wipple by Karen Cushman</b> – A story set in the time of the California Gold Rush and of Lucy, who would rather be back East than stuck in a mining town.</p>	<p><b>Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream</b> – A chronicle of the thirteen women who tried to become NASA’s first women astronaut trainees in the early 1960s. All were pilots and earned high scores in preliminary tests, but they were not accepted in the program.</p>
<p><b>Big Red by Jim Kjelgaard</b> – A beloved classic about a boy and his dog.</p>	

### Khan Academy Practice Suggestion

During the summer it is important to practice reading, writing, and math to strengthen your fluency, vocabulary skills and comprehension. To support your math capabilities, we recommend the **Khan Academy lessons for fifth grade**. This will reinforce the work completed during the 2018-2019 year and prevent the typical summer regression. This is a suggested practice activity, not a required summer assignment. You can set up a free account at [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org).



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### Summer Reading Log for Sixth Grade

All incoming sixth-grade students are required to read *The War That Saved My Life* and at least two additional books. Record the books you've read in this chart.

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