

6th Grade Summer Reading List
Brown Summit Middle School 2024-2025
Possible Reading Choices

The following book suggestions are related to our 6th Grade ELA Unit topics. All incoming 6th grade students are expected to read at least one of these books during the summer and prepare a One-Minute Book Talk using the instructions for this assignment.

Books with an asterisk (*) indicate that we recommend reading the Young Reader's Edition

Unit Topic	Title	Author
Childhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Schooled</i> • <i>Doesn't Speak Spanish</i> • <i>The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise</i> • <i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i> • <i>Counting by 7's</i> • <i>Stargirl</i> 	Gordan Korman Pablo Cartaya Dan Gemeinhart Betty Smith Holly Goldberg Jerry Spinelli
Animal Allies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Julie of the Wolves</i> • <i>Tarzan of the Apes</i> • <i>Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam</i> • <i>White Fang</i> (Also Adventure) • <i>Song for a Whale</i> • <i>*Racing in the Rain: My Life as a Dog</i> (A young reader's edition of <i>The Art of Racing in the Rain.</i>) • <i>Eragon</i> 	Jean Craighead George Edgar Rice Burroughs Cynthia Kadohata Jack London Lynne Kelly Garth Stein Christopher Paolini
Modern Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm</i> • <i>Search for WondLa</i> • <i>Flowers for Algernon</i> • <i>The Fourteenth Goldfish</i> • <i>*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i> (young reader's edition) 	Nancy Farmer Tony DiTerlizzi Daniel Keyes Jennifer L. Holm William and Bryan Mealer
Imagination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Inkheart</i> • <i>Bridge to Terabithia</i> • <i>Worlds of Ink and Shadow</i> • <i>When You Trap a Tiger</i> • <i>Pet</i> 	Cornelia Funke Katherine Patterson Lena Coakley Tae Keller Akwaeke Emezi
Exploration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Blood on the River: Jamestown 1607</i> • <i>Crossing the Wire</i> • <i>The Alchemist</i> • <i>Beyond the Bright Sea</i> • <i>Ground Zero</i> • <i>Airman</i> • <i>No Summit Out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits</i> 	Elisa Carbone Will Hobbs Paulo Coelho Laurent Wold Alan Gratz Eoin Colfer Jordan Romero and Linda LeBlanc

Instructions for the One-Minute Book Talk

Prepare for your book talk by gathering the following thoughts on one of your books. These will be presented within the first few weeks of school. (You may complete this task using a video recording of yourself. Videos should be limited to no more than five minutes.)

"I read _____ by _____

"Some of the ideas that stuck with me were: _____

_____.

"My favorite part/the best part was when:

_____.

"Overall, I thought this book was _____ because of _____

_____.

and, because _____

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"I would recommend it to a person who _____

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