

DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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HGT/High Strides Required Summer Reading List Incoming Sixth Grade

Sixth graders are required to read a minimum of two books prior to the first day of school in order to complete an in-class project. In addition, it is suggested that students complete a 4 x 6 index card with the following information for each novel read:

- Student Name
- Date reading was completed
- Book Title (underlined), Author
- Three to Five main characters, including a descriptive sentence about each
- Setting of the novel, including time, location, and other relevant information
- Brief Summary of the novel on the back of the index card, including all major conflicts or interesting plots.

The House on Mango Street/Sandra Cisneros

Begging for Change/Sharon Flake

Bad Boy/Walter Dean Myers

A Summer Life/Gary Soto

Up the Street/Gary Soto

A Single Shard/ Linda Sue Park

The Moorchild/Eloise McGraw

Crispin: The Cross of Lead/ Avi

What Jamie Saw/Carolyn Coleman

Anne of Green Gables/Irene Hunt

Wizard of Earthsea/ Ursula K. LeGuin

The Golden Compass/Philip Pullman

Island of the Blue Dolphins/Scott O'Dell

The Hobbit, or There and Back Again/J.R.R. Tolkien

Fairest/Gail Carson Levine

The Thief Lord/Cornelia Funke

Bud, Not Buddy/Christopher Paul Curtis

Here Lies the Librarian/Richard Peck

Al Capone Does My Shirts/Gennifer Choldenko

The Princess Academy/Shannon Hale

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High Strides/HGT Required Summer Reading List Incoming Seventh Grade

Seventh graders are required to read a minimum of two books prior to the first day of school in order to complete an in-class project. In addition, each student should complete a 4 x 6 index card with the following information for each novel read:

- Student Name
- Date reading was completed
- Book Title (underlined), Author
- Three to Five main characters, including a descriptive sentence about each
- Setting of the novel, including time, location, and other relevant information
- Brief Summary of the novel on the back of the index card, including all major conflicts or interesting plots.

Choose Two Books:

Witness/Karen Hess and Linda Beech

Forged by Fire/Sharon Draper

Ender's Game/Orson Scott Card

Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida/Victor Martinez

Amos Fortune, Free Man/Elizabeth Yates

White Lilacs/Carolyn Meet

The Red Pony/John Steinbeck

The Golden Compass/Philip Pullman

The Sword in the Stone/T.H. White

Ordinary Genius: The Story of Albert Einstein/Stephanie Sammartino
McPherson

All Things Bright and Beautiful/James Herriott

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High Strides/HGT Required Summer Reading List Incoming Eighth Grade

Incoming Eighth Grade HGT and High Strides students are required to read two books over the summer in order to complete in class projects for Language Arts and Social Studies during the first week of class.

Language Arts:

1984 – George Orwell

Social Studies:

Lord of the Flies – William Golding

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Traditional Required Summer Reading List Sixth Grade

Choose one of the following books and read it over the summer. You will discuss it and complete a book activity when you return.

All of these books can be found in the J Fiction section of your local library. They will be in alphabetical order by the author's name.

6th Grade

Heartbeat/S. Creech

Walking with the Dead/Falcone

Inkheart/C. Funke

15 Minutes/Young

Lupita Manana/Particia Beatty

Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret/Judy Blume

The House on Mango St./Sandra Cisneros

Bridge to Terabithia/Katherine Patterson

Maniac Magee/Jerry Spinelli

Bud, Not Buddy/Christopher Paul Curtis

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Traditional Required Summer Reading List Seventh Grade

Choose one of the following books and read it over the summer. You will discuss it and complete a book activity when you return.

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Trickster's Choice/Tamora Pierce

Novio Boy/Gary Soto

Star Girl/Jerry Spinelli

Behind the Door/R. Kopp

Kendra/C. Booth

Theif/J. Brian

Jazmin's Notebook/N. Grimes

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Traditional Required Summer Reading List Eighth Grade

Choose one of the following books and read it over the summer. You will discuss it and complete a book activity when you return.

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8th Grade

April Morning/H. Fast

The Graveyard Book/N. Gaiman

White Fang/J. London

Make Lemonade/V. Wolff

Darkness Before Dawn/Sharon Draper

Tears of the Tiger/Sharon Draper

Touching Bear Spirit/Ben Mikaelson

Fever/Laurie Halse Anderson

Speak/Laurie Halse Anderson