

## Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders—Glenridge Middle School 2019 Summer Reading



- Each incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grader is required to read at least one book over the summer.
  - Honors and advanced read two books
- Complete at least one activity from the chart below for the book that was read.
- Students who complete the whole board will be recognized in a special way!
- **Bring this form and any related projects to your 6<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts class the first week of school.**

**Title of Book:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If Honors/Advanced, second book title:** \_\_\_\_\_

<p>Construct one page of a scrapbook/photo album for a main character highlighting a major event or experience in the character's life. Include three or more photos or illustrations with a caption for each photo.</p>	<p>Find a song or a poem that relates to the theme (life lesson) of your book. Print/copy the song lyrics or poem, and explain the similarities in one paragraph.</p>	<p><b>Write a letter to the author giving your reactions to the novel. What did you appreciate? What might you have changed? How did the novel affect you personally?</b></p>
<p>MAKE MODELS OF THREE OBJECTS WHICH WERE IMPORTANT IN THE BOOK. ON A CARD ATTACHED TO EACH MODEL, TELL WHY THAT OBJECT WAS IMPORTANT IN THE BOOK.</p>	<p><i>A Global Citizen:</i> Understands the perspective of self and others. Explain how the main character in the novel would be considered a “Global Citizen”. How did the main character understand him/herself and the other characters in the novel? Use quotes and examples.</p>	<p>Write a poem (12 lines or more) from one character's perspective. Reveal his/her thoughts or emotions in the poem.</p>
<p><b>Find a current news article that relates to the novel. Clip/print/copy the article, and explain in one paragraph how the article relates to the novel.</b></p>	<p>Draw and color a map showing the main character's journey Include a key/legend and other helpful notes of important places and events.</p>	<p>Make a puppet of the main character and write a paragraph explaining the decisions he or she made to solve conflicts in the story.</p>

**Please choose books from the titles listed below or on the back.**

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- Camel Rider* - Prue Mason  
*Diary of a Young Girl* – Anne Frank  
*I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives* – Caitlin Alifirenka & Martin Ganda  
*The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* – John Boyne  
*El Lector* – William Durbin –*Farewell to Manzanar* – Jeanne Wakatsuki  
*The Book Thief* – Markus Zusak  
*The Red Umbrella* – Christina Diaz Gonzalez  
*Iqbal* – Francesco D’Adamo  
*I am Malala* – Malala Yousafzai  
*Boys Without Names* – Kashmira Sheth  
*Hunger* – Donna Jo Napoli  
*Echo* – Pam Munoz Ryan

These titles are world literature texts, and are books that we have in the GMS library.

## Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books 2019-2020 List for Grades 6-8

***24 Hours in Nowhere*** by Dusti Bowling: Gus hopes in just a short twenty-four hours, he can explore and escape the abandoned mine in his home of Nowhere, Arizona. He just has to find the rumored gold, win back a dirt bike from a thirteen-year-old bully, and try not to die from dehydration, cave-ins, and wild animal attacks.

***The Adventurers Guild*** by Zack Loran Clark: Zed Kagari and Brock Dunderfel are preparing for the Guildcullen. The day where children find what path they will take for the rest of their life. Before they can be chosen, they find themselves drafted into the Adventurer's Guild. The guild that travels outside the walls of Freestone, into the wild lands between cities filled with monsters and "Dangers".

***All's Faire in Middle School*** by Victoria Jamieson: As a squire-in-training, eleven-year-old Impy must demonstrate her bravery to move up in the ranks at the Renaissance Faire where her family works. Though she can wield a sword and handle the threats of dragons, will she survive the challenge that is MIDDLE SCHOOL?

***Boy X*** by Dan Smith: Twelve-year-old Ash wakes up in an unfamiliar room with an IV in his arm, a head full of jumbled memories, and a host of superhuman abilities. He has no idea what he is capable of, but if he is going to save the world, he needs to evolve.

***Breakout*** by Kate Messner : Nora Tucker is looking forward to summer vacation in Wolf Creek--two months of swimming, popsicles, and brushing up on her journalism skills for the school paper. When two inmates break out of the town's maximum security prison, everything changes.

***Captain Superlative*** by J.S. Puller: Janey Silverman doesn't know what to make of the girl in the red mask, blue wig, silver swimsuit, high top sneakers and a cape. She's determined to find out more about the girl who runs through the halls of Deer-wood Park Middle School championing good deeds and standing up to bullies.

***Elephant Secret*** by Eric Walters: Samantha Gray is known as the "elephant girl" since she lives in an animal sanctuary with eleven elephants and her dad. She finds her elephant family much easier to get along with than most people, including her dad's lawyer girlfriend, Joyce. When a beloved elephant dies giving birth to a newborn, Sam's world is upended.

***Ethan Marcus Stands Up*** by Michele Weber Hurwitz: Ethan Marcus isn't usually a rule breaker, but one day at school he decides he is fed up with sitting all day. His refusal to sit does not go over well with his teachers and leads to detention. While in detention, it is suggested that Ethan participate in the school's upcoming Invention Day.

***Greetings from Witness Protection*** by Jake Burt: Nicki's father is in jail and her grandmother is dead, so she's in the foster care system. One day two US Marshalls show up and offer her "the adventure of a lifetime." They need her to help hide a family in witness protection from a very dangerous criminal. Since the criminals are looking for a family of 3, adding a daughter to the family will make it easier to keep them hidden. Adding a street-smart, savvy, kleptomaniac like Nicki may help to keep them alive - unless her past puts them all in danger!

***Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World*** by Ashley Herring: Blake Ivy is trying to pick up the pieces of her life--both literally and figuratively. After a tornado destroys her family's home, life throws her another blow when her notebook containing several drawings of girls holding hands goes missing at the shelter.

***Knockout*** by K.A. Holt : When Levi discovers his love for boxing, he finds himself in the ring with those who love him most. He knows he's strong enough to fight for his life, but can he convince everyone else to believe in him too? This funny and emotional novel in verse looks at what it means to be a typical kid- and all the many definitions of strength.

***Nightbooks*** by J.A White: Everyone loves a good scare, right? Alex is a kid who loves scary stories so much that he writes his own spooky tales. One night he finds himself knocking on a stranger's door after hearing the sounds of one of his favorite movies, The Night of the Living Dead. This stranger invites him inside but does not intend to let Alex leave.

***Playing Atari with Saddam Hussein*** by Jennifer Roy: At the start of 1991, eleven-year-old Ali Fadhil was consumed by his love for soccer, video games, and American television shows. Then, on January 17, Iraq's dictator Saddam Hussein went to war with thirty-four nations led by the United States.

***Slider*** by Pete Hautman: David is an average kid with an unusual talent - eating large amounts of food in a small amount of time. It's just some-thing his two best friends, Cyn and Heyman, time him at for fun. That is until he accidentally charges \$2000 on his mom's credit card - then he has to figure out how to use his talent to earn some cash before his mom finds out what he's done!

***Small Spaces*** by Katherine Arden: "Avoid large places. Keep to small." Seems like sound advice for Ollie to heed as she now finds herself on a stalled bus during the trip to the farm. Armed with a broken wristwatch displaying alarming warnings to her, Ollie and two classmates make the decision to leave their classmates on the bus and venture into the misty fields with only scarecrows around. But scarecrows only scare crows, right?