



Dear Parents,

Summer is a time to recharge after a long and rigorous school year, spend time with family and friends, and enjoy the beautiful sunshine. It is also a time when reading can be pushed aside for other activities, causing students to lose some of the ground they gained in their reading abilities throughout the previous school year. To help avoid this "summer slide" phenomenon, we would like to encourage you to promote reading as a recreational summer activity with your child. In addition to your push for recreational reading at home, **we are requiring** students to read at least one novel of their choice prior to starting their sixth-grade year.

The Rebecca Caudill list on the back provides some popular options for incoming sixth graders. These titles will appeal to a wide range of readers, and most, if not all, can be found at the Northbrook Public Library or a local bookstore. Your child should feel free to choose any novel, not necessarily one from this list.

We hope you have a wonderful, relaxing summer, and we look forward to seeing all of our students' smiling faces and hearing about the great books they read over the summer when school starts in the fall!

Sincerely,

The Sixth Grade Language Arts Team



2019 Master List Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award Illinois Children's Choice Award

Author	Title	Publisher	Pub Date	Interest Levels
Alexander, Kwame	Booked	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	2014	5-8
Anderson, John David	Ms. Bixby's Last Day	Walden Pond	2016	4-6
Black, Holly & Clare, Cassandra	The Iron Trial	Scholastic Press	2014	5-8
Burg, Ann	Unbound	Scholastic Press	2016	4-8
Creech, Sharon	Moo	HarperCollins	2016	4-6
Dumas, Firoozeh	It Ain't So Awful, Falafel	Clarion	2016	4-8
Federle, Tim	Better Nate Than Ever	Simon & Schuster	2013	5-8
Freedman, Russell	We Will Not Be Silent	Clarion	2016	7-8
Gephart, Donna	Lily and Dunkin	Delacorte	2016	6-8
Gidwitz, Adam	The Inquisitor's Tale	Dutton	2016	5-8
Hashimi, Nadia	One Half From the East	HarperCollins	2016	5-8
Jacobson, Jennifer Richard	Paper Things	Candlewick	2015	4-8
King, Amy Sarig	Me and Marvin Gardens	Arthur A. Levine	2017	4-7
Lamana, Julie	Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere	Chronicle	2014	4-6
Lewis, John	March, Book 1	Top Shelf	2016	7-8
Reynolds, Jason	Ghost	Atheneum	2016	4-8
Sheinkin, Steve	Undefeated	Roaring Brook Press	2016	6-8
Sonnenblick, Jordan	Falling Over Sideways	Scholastic Press	2016	6-8
Stelson, Caren	Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story	Carolrhoda	2016	5-8
Thompson, Lisa	The Goldfish Boy	Scholastic Press	2017	4-7

Interest levels reflect a title's combination of ability and appeal for young readers as suggested by the RCYRBA Board of Directors. With each annual list, participants should evaluate, purchase and promote only those books which they determine appropriate for their students and the grade levels served. Be reminded, to participate in the program, you need only offer 12 of the titles.