

**\*Strategic reading:** Your child needs to learn how and when to skim and when to study thoroughly. She does not have to read an entire book about space exploration if she only wants to find the date of the first lunar landing.

*Reading milestones:*

Reading with a purpose, knowing when it is important to understand every detail and when she can read quickly for pure enjoyment

Reading selectively, scanning chapter headings and introductory sentences to find necessary information  
Skimming a chapter in a textbook to form an overall impression

**Comprehension:** Grappling with the deeper meaning of a text will strengthen understanding. Good readers are continually questioning themselves.

*Reading milestones:*

Getting below the surface of facts on the page and evaluating critically

Drawing conclusions about why certain things happened  
Connecting new information to other knowledge and personal experience

**Vocabulary:** One of the key differences between a good reader and a poor reader is vocabulary. Effective vocabulary study involves more than memorizing definitions.

*Reading milestones:*

Using new words correctly in writing

Using knowledge of prefixes, suffixes, and base words to expand vocabulary

Mastering the vocabulary of different content areas

**Speed:** Poor readers are usually slow even after they become accurate. To build speed, your child needs to read a lot of text at a level that is easy for him to comprehend.

*Reading milestones:*

Reading for pleasure

Getting hooked on books by the same author

Reading fast enough to do homework in a reasonable amount of time

**Writing skills:** Written responses to reading can greatly enhance comprehension. Writing improves when your child practices answering specific questions and researching new topics.

*Milestones:*

Linking sentences into organized paragraphs

Writing clear, coherent, and focused essays including formal introductions, supporting evidence, and conclusions

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## 6th Grade Reading List



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## Lists of Books

### Sixth Grade List

~~Little Women~~ by Louisa May Alcott (J F Alc)  
~~The Book of Three~~ by Lloyd Alexander (J F Ale)  
~~The Strange Case of Origami Yoda~~ by Tom Angleberger (J F Ang)  
~~Souder~~ by William Armstrong (J F Arm)  
~~Hope Was Here~~ by Joan Bauer (YA Bau)  
~~The Penderwicks~~ by Jeanne Bird-sall (J F Bir)  
~~The Shakespeare Stealer~~ by Gary Blackwood (J F Bla)  
~~Iggie's House~~ by Judy Blume (J F Blu)  
~~How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous~~ by Georgia Bragg (J 920 Bra)  
~~The Secret Garden~~ by Frances Hodgson Burnett (Classic Bur)  
~~The Summer of the Swans~~ by Betsy Byars (J F Bya)  
~~Blood on the River: James Town, 1607~~ by Elisa Carbone (J F Car)  
~~Al Capone Does My Shirts~~ by Gennifer Choldenko (J F Cho)  
~~Artemis Fowl: The Artic Incident~~ by Eoin Colfer (F Col)  
~~Walk Two Moons~~ by Sharon Creech (J F Cre)

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~~Revolution Is Not a Dinner Party~~ by Ying C. Compestine (J F Com)  
~~Elijah of Buxton~~ by Christopher Curtis (J F Cur)  
~~Fire from the Rock~~ by Sharon Draper (YA F Dra)  
~~Bull Run~~ by Paul Fleischman (J F Fle)  
~~Johnny Tremain~~ by Esther Hoskins Forbes (J F For)  
~~The Graveyard Book~~ by Neil Gaiman (J F Gai)  
~~Hip Hop Speaks to Children~~ by Niki Giovanni,ed. (J 811.008 Gio)  
~~Out of the Dust~~ by Karen Hesse (J F Hes)  
~~Shug~~ by Jenny Han (F Han)  
~~Redwall~~ by Brian Jacques (J F Jac)  
~~The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate~~ by Jacqueline Kelly (J F Kel)  
~~The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place~~ by E.L. Konigsburg (YA F Kon)  
~~Savvy~~ by Ingrid Law (J F Law)  
~~A Wrinkle in Time~~ by Madeline L'Engle (J F Len)  
~~Ella Enchanted~~ by Gail Carson Levine (J F Lev)  
~~In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson~~ by Bette Bao Lord (J F Lor)  
~~Saffy's Angel~~ by Hilary McKay (J F McK)

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~~Trash~~ by Andy Mulligan (YA F Mul)  
~~Airborn~~ by Kenneth Oppel (F Opp)  
~~A Single Shard~~ by Linda Sue Park(J F Par)  
~~Lyddie~~ by Katherine Paterson (YA F Pat)  
~~Alanna~~ by Tamora Pierce (YA F Pie)  
~~Where the Red Fern Grows~~ by

~~Wilson Rawls (YA F Raw & Classic Raw)~~

~~The Lightning Thief~~ by Rick Riordan (J F Rio)  
~~Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows~~ by J.K. Rowling (YA F Row)  
~~The Wall~~ by Peter Sis (J B Sis)  
~~Witch of Blackbird Pond~~ by Elizabeth Speare (J F Spe)  
~~When You Reach Me~~ by Rebecca Stead (J F Ste)  
~~The Mysterious Benedict Society~~ by Trenton Lee Stewart (J F Ste)  
~~Montmorency: Thief, Liar, Gentleman?~~ by Eleanor Updale  
~~So B. It~~ by Sarah Weeks (J F Weeks)  
~~After Tupac and D Foster~~ by Jacqueline Woodson (J F Woo)