

**Gill St. Bernard's School's
Sixth Grade Summer Reading Assignments - 2009**

The purpose of summer reading at Gill St. Bernard's is to help promote a reading habit in our students. It is clear from the research that students who have developed an active reading habit do better on standardized tests including the SAT. It is also clear that students who learn to enjoy reading and do it on a regular basis are better prepared for the academic tasks they face day to day in school.

Each student entering grade 6 is expected to read three books over the summer months. **One title is required. The second must be chosen from the list of Selections below. If a book is part of a series, the student can read any book in the series. The third book does *not* necessarily have to come from the list. This allows a student to follow his or her personal interest.**

If a student has already read the required reading, the student must review the book before the start of school. Activities related to the required book are planned for the first days back to school, and all students must be prepared to participate. All of the books on this list are reviewed and can be ordered on Amazon.com.

Entering 6th grade:

Required Book: *Holes* by Louis Sachar

Selections:

Inkheart (series) by Cornelia Funke
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr
Small Steps by Louis Sachar
Summer of the Monkeys by Wilson Rawls
Artemis Fowl (series) by Erin Colfer
The White Giraffe by Lauren St. John
Cracker, The Best Dog in Vietnam by Cynthia Kodohata
Stormbreaker (the Alex Rider series) by Anthony Horowitz
Mr. Monday (Keys to the Kingdom series) by Garth Nix
Hoot or *Flush* or *Flipped* by Carl Hiaasen
Redwall (series) by Brian Jacques
The Lighting Thief (series) by Rick Riordan
Anne of Green Gables by L. M. Montgomery
Home of the Braves by David Klass
The Divide (series) by Elizabeth Kay
City of Ember (series) by Jeanne DuPrau
Eragon (series) by Christopher Paolini
A Wrinkle in Time (books Time series) by Madeleine L'Engle
The Borrowers (series) by Mary Norton
And Both Were Young by Madeleine L'Engle
The Hobbit (series) by JR Tolkien
The Tail of Emily Windsnap by Liz Kessler

Assignments:

1. It is strongly suggested that the **required book, *Holes***, be read in August so that students are better able to recall the plot of the story. During the opening days of school there will be several class activities as well as homework and writing assignments based on *Holes*. In addition, the AR test will be taken on *Holes*.
2. The book chosen from the **Selections list** should also be read near the end of the summer. Students will be required to take the AR test on this book as well.
3. Keep a comprehensive list of **all** books read during the summer:
"Summer Reading 2009 – Books Read"