

## Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade LPA Summer Reading 2017

Welcome to Summer, dear readers! For your assigned Summer Reading:

- Please choose and read at least one book from the **Choice List**, and complete the project found on page 3. All projects are due the first week of school.

Successfully reading (and ENJOYING) these books will translate into starting the year strong. Please return to school in August ready to discuss all aspects of your chosen book.

All books are available in both print and audio formats (Overdrive, CD, Audible.com, iTunes, Kindle).

Our NBPS Overdrive Collection can be accessed at <https://northbrowardfl.libraryreserve.com>. Sign in with your student id to check out and download ebooks and audiobooks.

No matter which versions you read or listen to, you must also own a print or digital copy of your choice novel to bring to class in August.

### Choice List

**A Tale Dark & Grimm** (A Tale Dark & Grimm series, bk. 1) by Adam Gidwitz  
Newbery Honor winning Adam Gidwitz will visit NBPS in September! Follows Hansel and Gretel as they walk out of their own story and into eight more tales, encountering such wicked creatures as witches, along with kindly strangers and other helpful folk. An awesome mash-up of a selection of other Grimms' Fairy Tales. Lexile: 690

**So You Want to Be a Jedi** (Star Wars Retelling series) by Adam Gidwitz  
The story is a retelling of Star Wars: Episode V The Empire Strikes Back, but with additional scenes, added comments and humor. Placed between chapters are lessons to the reader on how to be a Jedi, such as "how to meditate, how to meditate while standing on one foot, how to meditate while standing on one foot while people are throwing dirty socks at you." Fans old and new will love this wonderfully crafted book and the unexpected twists and turns. Lexile: 570

**Swindle** (Swindle series bk. 1) by Gordon Korman

A dream team of kids performs blockbuster-movie-style operations, from stealing back a million-dollar baseball card, to breaking mistreated animals out of a cheesy zoo, to hiding a lovable but unstable and occasionally vicious Doberman from his unscrupulous former owner. Lexile: 720

**Woodsong** by Gary Paulsen

For a rugged outdoor man and his family, life in northern Minnesota is a wild experience involving wolves, deer, and the sled dogs that make their way of life possible. Includes an account of the author's first Iditarod, a dogsled race across Alaska. Lexile: 1090

**The Only Game** (Home Team series bk. 1) by Mike Lupica

Sixth grade is supposed to be the year that Jack Callahan will lead his team to a record-shattering season and the Little League World Series, but after the death of his brother he loses interest in baseball, and only Cassie, star of the girls' softball team, seems to understand. Lexile: 790

**Best of the Best** (Baseball Great series bk. 3) by Tim Green

Determined to play in the Little League World Series, twelve-year-old Josh struggles to concentrate on his game and be the team's leader while also trying to cope with his parents' impending divorce. Lexile: 790

**Wringer** by Jerry Spinelli

Palmer LaRue is running out of birthdays. For as long as he can remember, he's dreaded the day he turns ten -- the day he'll take his place beside all the other ten-year-old boys in town, the day he'll be a wringer. But Palmer doesn't want to be a wringer. It's one of the first things he learned about himself and it's one of the biggest things he has to hide. Lexile: 690

**Liar and Spy** by Rebecca Stead

Seventh-grader Georges adjusts to moving from a house to an apartment, his father's efforts to start a new business, his mother's extra shifts as a nurse, being picked on at school, and Safer, a boy who wants his help spying on another resident of their building. Lexile: 670

## SUMMER READING IDEAS:

6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WILL HAVE A WRITTEN AND A CREATIVE PROJECT

**WRITTEN:** Choose one of the following prompts. Write a well-constructed paragraph about the book you chose. Please write neatly and use complete sentences. You may type or neatly write your response on white lined paper.

"I learned....."

"The most interesting part of the book was....."

"Name and describe your favorite character in the book."

"The most important event in the story was...."

"This book reminded me of....."

**CREATIVE:** Choose one of the following.

**Mobile:** Using a hanger and string, construct a mobile. Hanging from the mobile provide information on title/author, setting, characters, conflict/resolution, theme, summary, and favorite part. Be creative and use a variety of shapes and colors.

OR

**Tri-fold Poster:** Create a poster to promote your novel. Include information on title, author, setting, characters, conflict/resolution, theme, summary, favorite part, and a recommendation to other readers. You should also provide several printed pictures or illustrations. Be neat and colorful.

OR

**Kite:** Create a diamond-shaped kite. Divide it into 4 parts. Provide the following information on the four parts: Setting, Characters, Conflict/Resolution, and Summary. Attach a string, yarn, or ribbon to the bottom of the kite and provide the title and author.