

## 6th and 7th Grade Summer Reading

Reading requirements:

Students are required to read one book over the summer from the following list. This book should be a book the student has not previously read. Students are required to complete the book report form. If students have any questions, sixth graders may contact [michelle.cufr@rockfordchristian.org](mailto:michelle.cufr@rockfordchristian.org); seventh graders may contact [katie.volk@rockfordchristian.org](mailto:katie.volk@rockfordchristian.org). During the first week of school, students will turn in their summer book reports.

### **Fantasy Fiction**

A Wrinkle in Time  
Eragon  
Redwall  
Princess Academy  
The Door Within  
The Ruins of Gorlan

### **Quick Summary**

Meg searches for her father, a scientist  
A poor boy whose destiny is to be a dragon rider  
Ancient Redwall's life is shattered by an evil rat  
Miri attends a strict princess academy  
Three scrolls take Aidan to a time of knights  
Will becomes an apprentice to a mysterious ranger

### **Fiction**

Anne of Green Gables  
Maniac Magee  
Piecing Me Together  
Rules  
Stargirl  
The One and Only Ivan  
The Mysterious Benedict Society  
The Penderwicks  
View from Saturday  
Walk Two Moons  
Where the Red Fern Grows  
Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere  
A Good Kind of Trouble

### **Quick Summary**

11-year old Anne finds a home at Green Gables  
He's challenging racism in this divided town  
A girl from poor neighborhood strives for success  
12-year old Catherine has a brother with autism  
Popularity, conformity, first love and eccentric  
A silverback gorilla that lived in a cage at the mall  
4 children go undercover to stop an evil plan  
4 sisters on vacation in the mountains  
Explore the lives of this 6th grade Academic team  
A 13-year old tells stories to her grandparents  
Billy and his two hunting hounds  
Hurricane Katrina and a young girl's experience  
12-year old girl navigates racism

### **Historical Fiction**

A Single Shard  
Chains  
Crispin  
Esperanza Rising  
Fever 1793  
Island of the Blue Dolphin  
The River Between Us

### **Quick Summary**

A young, poor, Korean orphan wants to be a potter  
Isabella tries to escape slavery during Revolution  
14th century England, falsely accused, orphaned boy  
Forced to leave wealthy Mexico & work in labor camp  
Disease and tragedy strike 14-year old Mattie  
A 12-year old girl stranded on island for years  
A tale of two mysterious ladies during the Civil War

Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy	1911, Turner meets Lizzie after he moves
One Crazy Summer	Three sisters visit their mom during Civil Rights
The Watsons Go to Birmingham: 1963	A family road trip during 60's Civil Rights
Witch of Blackbird Pond	Kit befriends a "witch" during Salem Witch Trials
Year Down Yonder	Great Depression, she must live with aunt in Illinois
The Night Diary	Nisha is forced to leave her home in India

**Mystery**

Chasing Vermeer  
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

**Quick Summary**

An art mystery set in Chicago  
  
Siblings run away to an art museum in New York

**Science Fiction**

Found  
The House of Scorpion

**Quick Summary**

Jonah is one of the missing. What does that mean?  
Matt was harvested, not born. He's trying to escape.

**Sports**

Heat  
Jackie and Me  
Summer Ball  
Ghost by Jason Reynolds

**Quick Summary**

Baseball  
Baseball  
Basketball  
Track

**Rebecca Caudill Young Reader's Book Award**

The Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award is an annual award given to the author of the book voted most outstanding by students in grades four through eight in participating Illinois schools. If you read three books off of the 2022 nomination book list by February 2022, you can vote for your favorite book. Here are a few book options to get you started. There will be more to come.

**Title/Author**

The Line Tender  
Orange for the Sunsets  
Uganda  
I Can Make This Promise  
From the Desk of Zoe Washington  
Ghost Boys  
Inkling  
Torpedoed: The True Story of the World War II Sinking of "The Children's Ship"  
Other Words for Home

**Quick Summary**

Lucy continues the marine research of her deceased mom  
Friendship is tested by political unrest and division in  
  
A young Native American girl discovers a family secret  
Zoe tries to figure out if her father who is in jail is innocent  
Addresses the tough topic of racism and violence  
A blob of ink comes to life to help the artist  
  
A true story of the people on The Children's Ship  
A young Syrian girl comes to America with her mom





**Theme:** What moral, message, or lesson about life does the author want to share with the reader? What did the character learn? What lesson could you learn from reading this book? Some common themes are the following: courage, perseverance, acceptance, honesty, respect, teamwork, friendship, determination, being yourself, etc. Write in complete sentences.

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**Your opinion:** Write at least three sentences telling what you thought about the story. Would you recommend this book? Why or why not? What did you like or dislike about the story? Is there anything you would change about the story?

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**Biblical Connection:** Option 1 - Tell about one decision made in the novel. Was it a wise decision? Support your answer with a Bible verse. Option 2 - Choose a character from the book. Compare the character's actions and words to the Bible. Support your answer with a Bible verse.

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