

## **6th Grade Summer Reading 2023**

**Due: September 8, 2023**

**Step 1: Select ONE of the novels from the list below:**

- Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix (Young Reader's Edition)
- Rules by Cynthia Lord
- Travel Team by Mike Lupika
- Absolutely Normal Chaos by Sharon Creech
- I am Malala by Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai (Young Reader's Edition)

**Step 2:** Read the text over the summer.

**Step 3:**

- You must choose one of the project options below to complete for your summer reading book and be prepared to discuss your project.
- **\*\*\*If you choose to not do a project, you will be given an assessment for your novel on 9/08/23.**

### **PROJECT OPTIONS:**

**Cartoon Strip/Graphic Novel:** Select a story episode/scene/chapter and retell it in your own words with pictures. Your cartoon strip should have at least 8 cells. Use 8.5" x 11" computer/printer paper to complete the project, fitting 2 cells per page, totaling 4 pages. Each cell should be neatly colored.

**Collage:** On a poster board, form a collage of things that are significant to the book. They can be actual items or pictures. Select five of the items from your collage and explain in paragraph form why you choose these things/how they relate to the story.

**DVD Box:** Make your own cover box. (front and back of a DVD) as if your book were a movie you might find in a store. The front cover should have the title and pictures. The back of the box should have a typed summary of the book/movie with the cast of main characters and the actors/actresses playing them.

**Magazine/Newspaper Critic:** Write a critique as though you are writing for a newspaper or magazine. What did you like/dislike about the book? What were the strong/weak points of the book? **Be specific and use quotes or examples from the book.** Your critique should be at least two paragraphs.

**Book Jacket:** Design a new cover for your book. The front cover should have the title and author's name as well as a hand-drawn illustration. On the back cover, rate the story from 1 - 5 stars explaining why you gave this rating. Be specific and write a brief typed summary of the book that includes events from the beginning, middle and end of the book.

## **Novel Descriptions**

### **Shiloh (Lexile: 890)**

**Phyllis Reynolds Naylor**

When Marty Preston comes across a young beagle in the hills behind his home, it's love at first sight—and also big trouble. It turns out the dog, which Marty names Shiloh, belongs to Judd Travers, who drinks too much and has a gun—and abuses his dogs. So when Shiloh runs away from Judd to Marty, Marty just has to hide him and protect him from Judd. But Marty's secret becomes too big for him to keep to himself, and it exposes his entire family to Judd's anger. How far will Marty have to go to make Shiloh his?

### **Among the Hidden (Lexile: 800)**

**Margaret Peterson Haddix**

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke, an illegal third child, has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm in this start to the Shadow Children series from Margaret Peterson Haddix.

Luke has never been to school. He's never had a birthday party, or gone to a friend's house for an overnight. In fact, Luke has never had a friend. Luke is one of the shadow children, a third child forbidden by the Population Police. He's lived his entire life in hiding, and now, with a new housing development replacing the woods next to his family's farm, he is no longer even allowed to go outside.

Then, one day Luke sees a girl's face in the window of a house where he knows two other children already live. Finally, he's met a shadow child like himself. Jen is willing to risk everything to come out of the shadows -- does Luke dare to become involved in her dangerous plan? Can he afford not to?

### **Rules (Lexile: 670)**

**Cynthia Lord**

This Newbery Honor Book is a heartfelt and witty story about feeling different and finding acceptance -- beyond the rules.

Twelve-year-old Catherine just wants a normal life. Which is near impossible when you have a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability. She's spent years trying to teach David the rules from "a peach is not a funny-looking apple" to "keep your pants on in public" -- in order to head off David's embarrassing behaviors. But the summer Catherine meets Jason, a surprising, new sort-of friend, and Kristi, the next-door friend she's always wished for, it's her own shocking behavior that turns everything upside down and forces her to ask: What is normal?

### **Travel Team (Lexile: 930)**

**Mike Lupika**

Twelve-year-old Danny Walker may be the smallest kid on the basketball court -- but don't tell him that. Because no one plays with more heart or court sense. But none of that matters when he is cut from his local travel team, the very same team his father led to national prominence as a boy. Danny's father, still smarting from his own troubles, knows Danny isn't the only kid who was cut for the wrong reason, and together, this washed-up former player and a bunch of never-say-die kids prove that the heart simply cannot be measured.

For fans of The Bad News Bears, Hoosiers, the Mighty Ducks, and Mike Lupica's other New York Times bestselling novels Heat, The Underdogs, and Million-Dollar Throw, here is a book that proves that when the game knocks you down, champions stand tall.

**Absolutely Normal Chaos (Lexile: 900)**

**by Sharon Creech**

Mary Lou Finney is less than excited about her assignment to keep a journal over the summer. Boring! Then cousin Carl Ray comes to stay with her family, and what starts out as the dull dog days of summer quickly turns into the wildest roller coaster ride of all time. A wonderful story of contemporary teen life.

**I am Malala (Lexile: 830L)**

**by Malala Yousafzai**

I Am Malala. This is my story.

Malala Yousafzai was only ten years old when the Taliban took control of her region. They said music was a crime. They said women weren't allowed to go to the market. They said girls couldn't go to school.

Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. So she fought for her right to be educated. And on October 9, 2012, she nearly lost her life for the cause: She was shot point-blank while riding the bus on her way home from school.

No one expected her to survive.

Now Malala is an international symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize winner. In this Young Readers Edition of her bestselling memoir, which has been reimagined specifically for a younger audience and includes exclusive photos and material, we hear firsthand the remarkable story of a girl who knew from a young age that she wanted to change the world -- and did.

Malala's powerful story will open your eyes to another world and will make you believe in hope, truth, miracles and the possibility that one person -- one young person -- can inspire change in her community and beyond.