



Entering Grade 6: Summer Reading 2023

1. Choose at least ONE of the novels listed in the table below to read this summer.
2. Complete the Summer Reading Notes Worksheet about this novel.
3. Enjoy reading at least one other novel of your choice. (No notes needed.)
Suggested choice books for 6th grade students can be found at <https://www.ala.org/alsc/>.

Title	Author	Annotations from Amazon.com
<u>Because of Mr. Terupt</u>	Rob Buyea	It's the start of fifth grade at Snow Hill School. There's . . . Jessica, the new girl; Alexia, a bully; Peter, class prankster; Luke, the brain; Danielle, who never stands up for herself; shy Anna; and Jeffrey, who hates school. Only Mr. Terupt, their new and energetic teacher, seems to know how to deal with them all...until the snowy winter day when an accident changes everything—and everyone.
<u>Restart</u>	Gordon Korman	<u>Restart</u> is the spectacular story of a kid with a messy past who has to figure out what it means to get a clean start...Chase doesn't remember hitting his head. He doesn't, in fact, remember <i>anything</i> . He wakes up in a hospital room and suddenly has to learn his whole life all over again...When he gets back to school, he sees that different kids have very different reactions to his return. Some kids treat him like a hero. Some kids are clearly afraid of him. Pretty soon, it's not only a question of who Chase is--it's a question of who he <i>was</i> . . . and who he's going to be.
<u>The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl</u>	Stacy McAnulty	Lucy Callahan's life was changed forever when she was struck by lightning... The zap gave her genius-level math skills, and she's been homeschooled ever since. Now, at 12 years old, she's technically ready for college. She just has to pass 1 more test--middle school! Lucy's grandma insists: Go to middle school for 1 year. Make 1 friend. Join 1 activity. And read 1 book (that's not a math textbook!).
<u>Aru Shah and the End of Time</u>	Roshani Chokshi	Twelve-year-old Aru Shah has a tendency to stretch the truth in order to fit in at school. One day, three schoolmates show up at Aru's doorstep to catch her in a lie. They don't believe her claim that the museum's Lamp of Bharata is cursed, and they dare Aru to prove it. Just a quick light, Aru thinks. But lighting the lamp has dire consequences. She unwittingly frees the Sleeper, an ancient demon whose duty it is to awaken the God of Destruction. Her classmates and beloved mother are frozen in time, and it's up to Aru to save them.
<u>Frazzled: Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom</u>	Booki Vivat	Meet Abbie Wu. Abbie is in crisis - and not just because she's starting middle school or because she's stuck in a family that doesn't quite get her or because everyone seems to have a Thing except her. Abbie Wu is always in crisis.
<u>From the Desk of Zoe Washington</u>	Janae Marks	Zoe Washington isn't sure what to write. What does a girl say to the father she's never met, hadn't heard from until his letter arrived on her twelfth birthday, and who's been in prison for a terrible crime? A crime he says he never committed. Zoe is determined to uncover the truth- even if it means hiding his letters and her investigation from the rest of her family. Everyone else thinks Zoe's worrying about doing a good job at her bakery internship and proving to her parents that she's worthy of auditioning for Food Network's Kids Bake Challenge.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Characters</p> <p>Which characters are the main characters in this novel?</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Major Plot Events (5)</p> <p>List 5 important events that occurred in this novel. List them in chronological order.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Conflict</p> <p>What was the central problem that the main character(s) struggled with?</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Resolution</p> <p>How was this conflict resolved?</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Theme</p> <p>What <u>lesson about life</u> can the reader learn from this story?</p>	<p>(HINT: Think about a life lesson that the main character(s) learned as a result of events in the novel.)</p>

Main Character's Name and a Character Trait that best describes him/her	Provide <u>DIRECT TEXTUAL EVIDENCE</u> from the novel to show that this character trait describes the main character (What does the character do or say to demonstrate this trait?)	Page #
<p>Example:</p> <p>Wallace is <u>courageous</u>.</p>	<p>Author's Words- Word for Word Quote From The Novel:</p> <p>"He stared down the bully with a defiant and confident attitude."</p>	<p>Example:</p> <p>Page 10</p>