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Mrs. Clark's Sixth Grade Supply List

Literature

- 1 Three Subject Notebook
- 2 Pocket Folders(with fastners)
- 1 Marble Composition Notebook
- 1 package loose leaf paper

Science Class

- 1 Three Subject Notebook
- 1 Pocket Folder(with fastners)
- 1 Marble Composition Notebook

Religion

- 1 Three Subject Notebook
- 1 Folder

Miscellaneous

- Colored Pencils (basic colors)
- 1 Highlighter
- 1 package sticky notes (any size)
- Blue or black pens (no gel pens)
- Red Pens
- 1 package colored index cards
 markers (basic colors)
- #2 pencils
- Scissors
- glue stick
- 1 package of wet wipes
- 1 boxes of Tissues



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Mrs. Clark's Summer Reading List

Students in the sixth grade are required to read a total of three (3) books: the two required books and one book from the suggested reading list that have not been previously read. Students who wish to receive extra credit may read up to two (2) additional books from the suggested reading list for a total five (5) books. One point extra credit for each book will be added to the first quarter grade in Literature and Language Arts. Students must fill out the summer reading form to receive credit and it is due September 17th.

Required Reading

Summer reading is intended to be pleasurable as well as thought provoking. The required books will be discussed through book talks, project presentations, and formal assessments. These books will be discussed during the first weeks of school. Students need to choose one book that they read and write a friendly letter to Mrs. Clark, indicating that you have read the book. This letter is due on September 17th.

Your one-page letter should include the following:

- 1st paragraph: A short introduction, including your name, the school you attend, a few facts about yourself, and the date you completed the book.
- 2nd paragraph: The title and author of the book, a description of one or two of the main characters, the setting, and a summary of the story.
- 3rd paragraph: Your personal rating of the book, from 1-5, with 5 being the highest, plus your reasons for the rating.

For all the other books, just take some brief notes on an index card. These cards are due September 18th.

A card for each book should include:

- Title and author
- Genre – type of book (for example: mystery, historical fiction, fantasy, realistic fiction, adventure, etc.)
- Who – main characters
- What – short summary of the story
- When – time period of the story
- Where – setting of the story
- Your personal rating of the book, from 1-5, with 5 being the highest, plus your reasons for the rating.

Required Reading Books:



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1. *The Twenty-One Balloons*, by William Pene DuBois. William Waterman Sherman is a dedicated traveler, daring to fly across the Pacific Ocean in a giant air balloon. Marooned, in a sense, on the island of Krakatoa, our intrepid traveler plots new ways to get where he is going in this inventive, funny story.

2. *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*, by E.L. Konigsburg. This story revolves around Claudia Kincaid, a precocious 11-year-old girl (one month away from being 12) who feels under-appreciated by her parents. She decides to run away from home just long enough to show her family what they would be missing without her. To solve this problem, Claudia decides to stay at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. She persuades her younger brother Jamie to accompany her

Suggested Reading

As you begin your reading, remember that the choice of book is yours. Should you begin a book that you are uncomfortable reading, please exchange it for another. Interests and appropriateness vary from reader to reader.

The free choice (third book) is used for a project that will be given sometime throughout the school year and will be due within 1 week's time. The project will be graded with a rubric and the grade will be a test grade

Suggested Reading List:

Anne of Green Gables, L.M. Montgomery. Expecting the orphanage to send a sturdy boy to help with the farm chores, the Cuthberts of Green Gables are dismayed when Anne, a mischievous, talkative girl shows up instead. Expecting her to be no help at all, the Cuthberts are surprised that the longer Anne stays, the more endearing she becomes. You may read any of the "Anne" series.

Because of Winn-Dixie, Kate DiCamillo. Because of Winn-Dixie, a big, ugly, happy dog, 10-year-old Opal learns 10 things about her long-gone mother from her preacher father. Because of Winn-Dixie, Opal makes new friends among the somewhat unusual residents of her new hometown, Naomi, Florida. Because of Winn-Dixie, Opal begins to find her place in the world and let go of some of the sadness left by her mother's abandonment seven years earlier.

Black Beauty, Anna Sewell. **Black Beauty** tells the story of the horse's own long and varied life, from a well-born colt in a pleasant meadow to an elegant carriage horse for a gentleman to a painfully overworked cab horse. Throughout, Sewell rails--in a gentle, 19th-century way--against animal maltreatment.

The Cat Ate My Gym suit, Paula Danziger. When the unconventional English teacher who helped her conquer many of her feelings of insecurity is fired, a junior high student uses her newly found courage to campaign for the teacher's reinstatement.

Cheaper by the Dozen, Frank B. Gilbreth, Jr., & Ernestine Gilbreth Carey. This is the story of the 12 lively Gilbreth children and their remarkable parents.



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Chronicles of Narnia Series, C.S. Lewis. Four children travel repeatedly to a world in which they are far more than mere children and everything is far more than it seems. This is a series to be read again and again.

Crash, Jerry Spinelli. Seventh grader John "Crash" Coogan has always been comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior until his relationship with an unusual Quaker boy and John's grandfather's stroke make him consider the meaning of friendship and the importance of family. Other titles such as **There's a Girl in My Hammerlock** would be suitable.

Dragonwings, Laurence Yep. This story portrays the rich traditions of the Chinese community as it made its way in a hostile, new world.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, J.K. Rowling. The much-anticipated new book in the continuing adventures of Harry Potter will make great reading during the summer. You may count any other book in the series that you have not previously read.

The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien. The world of fantasy called Middle-earth and those charming Lilliputian creatures, the Hobbits, have become a favorite of middle school readers. Additional books in the series are suitable.

Lyddie, Katherine Paterson. Impoverished farm girl Lyddie Worthen is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker. When working conditions threaten the health of co-workers, she has to make a choice--speak up and risk her job, or be silent.

My Friend Flicka, O'Hara. This is a wonderful story for those who love horses. The sequel, **Thunderhead**, may also be read.

The Pearl, John Steinbeck. A Mexican fisherman finds a pearl of great value--far more than what he needs to pay the doctor to save his child's life. But the pearl brings only evil and tragedy.

The Secret Garden, Hodgson. An enduring British classic, this story about two children struggling with loss and pain is a tribute to the healing powers of friendship and nature.

Walk Two Moons, Sharon Creech. As Salamanca Tree Hiddle travels cross-country with her eccentric grandparents, she tells the story of Phoebe Winterbottom, who received mysterious messages, who met a "potential lunatic", and whose mother disappeared. Beneath Phoebe's story is Salamanca's own story--that of a 13-year-old girl whose only wish is to be reunited with her missing mother.