

## 6° Summer Reading List 2019



Over the summer holidays, try to read as much as possible (We expect you will read at least one book in English over the summer)!

Choose the best book you have read before you come back in September and complete the following table:

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| Title and Author:   | Brief plot notes ( <i>what happened in the book?</i> ): | Character notes ( <i>who was your favourite character and why?</i> ): |
| Your thoughts ( <i>did you enjoy the book? Why? How many stars would you give it out of 5?</i> ): | Your favourite quote and why:                           | Extra Information - what did we not ask that you want to tell us?     |

This will be your first presentation for the Reading Wall in class at the rentree. Remember you will be sharing this aloud, so bullet points of your ideas are fine.

If you need ideas for inspiration, have a look through the following list (but feel free to choose other books not on this too):

#### Fiction:

- **Front Desk by Kelly Yang**

Mia Tang has a lot of secrets. It will take all of Mia's courage, kindness, and hard work to get through this year. Will she be able to hold on to her job, help the immigrants and guests, escape Mr. Yao, and go for her dreams?

- **Schooled by Gordon Korman**

Homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Capricorn (Cap) Anderson has never watched television, tasted a pizza, or even heard of a wedgie. But when his grandmother lands in the hospital, Cap is forced to move in with a school counselor and attend the local middle school

- **The Brooklyn Nine by Alan Gatz**

In nine innings, this novel tells the stories of nine successive Schneider kids and their connection to Brooklyn and baseball. As in all family histories and all baseball games, there is glory and heartache, triumph and sacrifice

- **Theodore Boone by John Grisham (6 book series)**

Though he's only thirteen, Theodore Boone has spent more time in the courtroom than almost anywhere else, and there's always a new adventure waiting. Theo happily dispenses legal advice to friends and community members, just like real lawyers.

- **Escape Under the Forever Sky by Eve Yohalem**

Lucy's mother is the U.S. Ambassador to Ethiopia, so Lucy's life must be one big adventure, right? Wrong. Lucy's worrywart mother keeps her locked up inside the ambassador's residence. All Lucy can do is read about the exotic and exciting world that lies beyond the compound walls and imagine what it would be like to be a part of it. That is, until one day Lucy decides she has had enough and she and a friend sneak off for some fun. But to their horror, Lucy gets kidnapped!

- **The Ear, The Eye and The Arm by Nancy Farmer**

Three adventurous children escape their parents' heavily guarded mansion to explore the dangerous world outside. They soon learn how dangerous it really is.

- **The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy by Jeanne Birdsall**

This summer the Penderwick sisters have a wonderful surprise: a holiday on the grounds of a beautiful estate called Arundel. Soon they are busy discovering the summertime magic of Arundel's sprawling gardens, treasure-filled attic, tame rabbits, and the cook who makes the best gingerbread in Massachusetts.

- **FLORA AND ULYSSES: THE ILLUMINATED ADVENTURES, by Kate DiCamillo**

It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident that has unexpected consequences. The squirrel never saw it coming - the vacuum cleaner, that is. As for self-described cynic Flora Belle Buckman, she has read every issue of the comic book *Terrible Things Can Happen to You!* so she is just the right person to step in and save him. What neither can predict is that Ulysses (the squirrel) has been born anew, with powers of strength, flight and misspelled poetry.

#### Non Fiction:

- Hopkins, Deborah. **TITANIC: VOICES FROM DISASTER**. Photographs, telegrams, letters, and first-person accounts from passengers, witnesses, and crew members provide multiple perspectives on the sinking of the Titanic.
- Lawlor, Laurie. **RACHEL CARSON AND HER BOOK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD**. Rachel Carson was an ordinary child who grew up to be a pioneer environmentalist. This biography shows that anyone can make a difference. A detailed epilogue explains more about the lasting impact of her book, *Silent Spring*.
- Sandler, Martin. **THE IMPOSSIBLE RESCUE: THE TRUE STORY OF AN AMAZING ARCTIC ADVENTURE**. In the dead of an Arctic winter, whaling ships full of men are stranded in ice. Follow three rescuers in a race against time in this heart pounding true adventure
- Simon, Seymour. **SEYMOUR SIMON'S EXTREME OCEANS**. Seymour Simon investigates the most extreme environments, animals, plants, and weather in the ocean. Imagine exploring the most extreme parts of our amazing oceans— the tallest waves, the darkest depths, and the largest and most dangerous sea creatures on Earth. Interesting facts and stunning

- ***A Wrinkle in Time*, by Madeleine L'Engle**

People who are extraordinary, by definition, don't fit in. The main character of this book, Meg Murray, is an extraordinarily intelligent and thoughtful person who struggles with real issues such as making friends. When her father, a brilliant scientist, needs help, Meg learns that the very qualities that make it hard for her to relate to her peers also make her the one person who can come to his aid

- ***The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norman Juster**

Milo is bored with school and his life until he comes home one day to find a magic tollbooth in his room. Having nothing better to do, he drives through the booth in his toy car and stumbles onto the Kingdom of Wisdom. There he acquires two faithful companions, has many hilarious adventures, and goes on a quest to rescue the princesses of the kingdom—Princess Rhyme and Princess Reason—from the castle in the air.

- ***Wringer* by Jerry Spinelli**

As Palmer comes of age, he must either accept the violence of being a wringer at his town's annual Pigeon Day or find the courage to oppose it.

- ***The Hobbit* by JRR Tolkien**

Full of magic, humour and adventure, it continues to offer plenty to entertain and engage today's young readers who are discovering it for the first time.

- ***The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by CS Lewis**

When Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy - step through a wardrobe door in the strange country house where they are staying, they find themselves in the land of Narnia.

- ***The Witches* by Roald Dahl**

Real witches disguise themselves as lovely ladies, when secretly they want to squish and squelch all the wretched children they despise.

- ***Once* by Morris Gleitzman**

Morris Gleitzman brings heart and humour to the difficult subject of the Holocaust in this ground-breaking children's book.

- ***Goodnight Mister Tom* by Michelle Magorian**

Willie Beech, a lonely and deprived child, is evacuated to a tiny English village just before the Second World War, and finds himself living with reclusive widower Thomas Oakley.

- ***Truckers* by Terry Pratchett**

The first title in the Bromeliad trilogy, this is an enchanting fantasy from favourite author Terry Pratchett.

- ***Bridge To Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson**

Jesse Aarons loves running and drawing, but sometimes feels out of place in his family of all sisters and his rural school. He meets city girl Leslie Burke and his world changes as they create an imaginary world together.

photographs make for an exciting underwater expedition!

- Thimmesh, Catherine and Melissa Sweet. **GIRLS THINK OF EVERYTHING: STORIES OF INGENIOUS INVENTIONS BY WOMEN.** (Biography) This book tells how women throughout the ages have responded to situations confronting them in daily life by inventing such items as correction fluid, space helmets, and disposable diapers.
- Vernick, Audrey. **BROTHERS AT BAT: THE TRUE STORY OF AN AMAZING ALL-BROTHER BASEBALL TEAM.** The Accerra family had 16 children, including 12 baseball-playing brothers. In the 1930s, the boys formed their own semi professional team and became the longest playing all-brother baseball team in history.
- Borden, Louise. **THE JOURNEY THAT SAVED CURIOUS GEORGE: THE TRUE WARTIME ESCAPE OF MARGARET AND H. A. REY.** This beautifully illustrated book tells the story of the Reys and their escape from Paris during World War II.

**Books recommended by current 6eme students:**

- **Percy Jackson and the Olympians** (5 book series) by **Rick Riordan** - *The books explore Percy Jackson's adventures with gods and monsters as he learns about who he is and where he comes from. Action packed!*
- **Legend** by **Marie Lu** *What was once the western United States is now home to the Republic, a nation perpetually at war with its neighbors. Born into an elite family in one of the Republic's wealthiest districts, fifteen-year-old June is a prodigy being groomed for success in the Republic's highest military circles. Born into the slums, fifteen-year-old Day is the country's most wanted criminal. But his motives may not be as malicious as they seem.*
- **Mortal Engines** by **Philip Reeve** *London is hunting again. Emerging from its hiding place in the hills, the great Traction City is chasing a terrified little town across the wastelands. Soon London will feed. In the attack, Tom Natsworthy is flung from the speeding city with a murderous scar-faced girl. They must run for their lives through the wreckage -- and face a terrifying new weapon that threatens the future of the world.*
- **Bad Dad** by **David Walliams** *Frank's dad was a champion hot-rod racer, Gilbert the Great. But when a terrible accident sees him go from hero to zero, Frank and Gilbert are left with nothing—and in the grips of a wicked crime boss and his henchmen. After Gilbert is thrown in prison, only Frank can come to his rescue*
- **A Tale Dark and Grimm** by **Adam Gidwitz** *Hansel and Gretel walk out of their own story and into eight other classic Grimm-inspired tales. As readers follow the siblings through a forest brimming with menacing foes, they learn the true story behind (and beyond) the bread crumbs, edible houses, and outwitted witches.*
- **Fuzzy Mud** by **Louis Sachar** *Fifth grader Tamaya Dhilwaddi and seventh grader Marshall Walsh have been walking to and from Woodridge Academy together since elementary school. But their routine is disrupted when bully Chad Hilligas challenges Marshall to a fight. To avoid the conflict, Marshall takes a shortcut home through the off-limits woods. Tamaya, unaware of the reason for the detour, reluctantly follows. They soon get lost. And then they find trouble. Bigger trouble than anyone could ever have imagined. What they uncover might affect the future of the world.*
- **Wonder** by **R.J Palacio** *August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face.*
- **Janitors** by **Tyler Whitesides** *Have you ever fallen asleep during math class? Are you easily distracted while listening to your English teacher? Do you find yourself completely uninterested in geography? Well, it may not be your fault. The janitors at Welcher Elementary know a secret, and it's draining all the smarts out of the kids. Twelve-year-old Spencer Zumbro, with the help of his classmate Daisy Gullible Gates, must fight with and against a secret, janitorial society that wields wizard-like powers. Who can Spencer and Daisy trust and how will they protect their school and possibly the world?*
- **The One and Only Ivan** by **Katherine Applegate** *Having spent twenty-seven years behind the glass walls of his enclosure in a shopping mall, Ivan has grown accustomed to humans watching him. He hardly ever thinks about his life in the jungle. Instead, Ivan occupies himself with television, his friends Stella and Bob, and painting. But when he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from the wild, he is forced to see their home, and his art, through new eyes.*
- **Fish in a Tree** by **Lynda Mullaly Hunt** *Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns not to be so hard on herself and that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of. As her confidence grows, Ally feels free to be herself and the world starts opening up with possibilities. She discovers that there's a lot more to her—and to everyone—than a label, and that great minds don't always think alike.*
- **Toms Midnight Garden** **Philippa Pearce** *When Tom's brother gets sick, he's shipped off to spend what he's sure will be a boring summer with his aunt and uncle in the country. But then Tom hears the old grandfather clock in the hall chime thirteen times, and he's transported back to an old garden where he meets a young,*

lonely girl named Hatty. Tom returns to the garden every night to have adventures with Hatty, who mysteriously grows a little older with each visit. As the summer comes to an end, Tom realizes he wants to stay in the garden with Hatty forever.