2019 6th Grade Summer Reading List

Fiction
Card, Orson Scott. *Ender’s Game*. 9780765342294. Young Ender Wiggin may prove to be the military genius Earth needs to fight a desperate battle against a deadly alien race that will determine the future of the human race.

Cartaya, Pablo. *Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish*. 978-110199728. Marcus Vega is six feet tall, 180 pounds, and the owner of a premature mustache. When you look like this and you're only in the eighth grade, you're both a threat and a target. After a fight at school leaves Marcus facing suspension, Marcus's mom decides it's time for a change of environment. She takes Marcus and his younger brother to Puerto Rico to spend a week with relatives they don't remember or have never met. But Marcus can't focus knowing that his father—who walked out of their lives ten years ago—is somewhere on the island.

Collins, Suzanne. *Hunger Games*. 9780439023481. Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death.

Evan, Richard Paul. *Michael Vey Series*. 9781442468122. Fourteen-year-old Michael Vey is nothing special, except he has electric powers. Michael discovers that a cheerleader named Taylor has the same mysterious powers. With the help of Michael’s friend, Ostin, the three of them set out to discover how Michael and Taylor ended up with their abilities.

Lupica, Mike. *Batting Order*. 9781534421554. On or off the field, Matt and Ben couldn't be more different. Ben Roberson is an all-or-nothing player: he's big, he's bold, and he's brash. Ben’s swing can hit a ball right out of the park—but that’s if he can get a hit at all. So it's a total shock when Ben asks Matt to help him work on his swing. Because Ben can’t put the ball into play, and his showboating comes at the expense of the team. And even though Matt’s trying to help, Ben doesn’t seem to take him seriously.

Sanchez, Erika. *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*. 978-1524700515. Perfect Mexican daughters do not go away to college, move out of their parents' house after high school graduation and never abandon their family. But, Julia is not your perfect Mexican daughter. That was Olga's role. Then, a tragic accident and Julia is left behind to reassemble the shattered pieces of her family. However, it's not long before Julia discovers that Olga might not have been as perfect as everyone thought.

Shabazz, Ilyasah. *Betty Before X*. 9780374306106. Raised by her aunt until she is six, Betty, who will later marry Malcolm X, joins her mother and stepfamily in 1940s Detroit, where she learns about the civil rights movement.
Stone, Tamra Ireland. *Click’d*. 9781484784976. After spending the summer at coding camp, Allie Navarro is excited to share the app she built with her friends, until it starts to cause problems between them

Venkatraman, Padma. *The Bridge Home*. 9781984813602. Life is harsh in Chennai’s teeming streets, so when runaway sisters Viji and Rukku arrive, their prospects look grim. Very quickly, eleven-year-old Viji discovers how vulnerable they are in this uncaring, dangerous world. Fortunately, the girls find shelter—and friendship—on an abandoned bridge. With two homeless boys, Muthi and Arul, the group forms a family of sorts. And while making a living scavenging the city’s trash heaps is the pits, the kids find plenty to laugh about and take pride in too.

Westerfield, Scott. *Leviathan*. 978-1-41697173-3. In an alternate 1914 Europe, fifteen-year-old Austrian Prince Alek, on the run from the Clanker Powers who are attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery, forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically-engineered beasts.

**Non Fiction**

Engle, Margarita. *Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir*. 978-1481435239. Margarita is a girl from two worlds. Her heart lies in Cuba, her mother’s tropical island country, a place so lush with vibrant life that it seems like a fairy tale kingdom. But most of the time she lives in Los Angeles, lonely in the noisy city and dreaming of the summers when she can take a plane through the enchanted air to her beloved island. When the hostility between Cuba and the United States erupts at the Bay of Pigs Invasion, Margarita’s worlds collide in the worst way possible.

Johnson, Maureen. *How I Resist: Activism and Hope for a New Generation*. 978-1250168368. Now, more than ever, young people are motivated to make a difference in a world they’re bound to inherit. They’re ready to stand up and be heard, but where do they begin? What can I do? How can I help? How I Resist is the response, and a way to start the conversation. A collection of essays, songs, illustrations, and interviews about activism and hope.

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Brown Girl Dreaming*. 9780399252518. The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South.

**Graphic Novels**

Sheinkin, Steve. *Two Miserable Presidents: Everything Your Schoolbooks Didn’t Tell You About the Civil War*. 978-1250075789. Get the feeling something big is about to happen? Welcome to the Civil War—one of the scariest, saddest, and occasionally wackiest stories in American History.