

# St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School

## 2022 Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 6\*

### Required Reading Grade 6

*The Lightning Thief*  
(Percy Jackson  
and The Olympians  
#1)



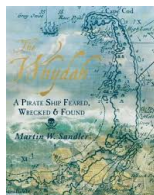
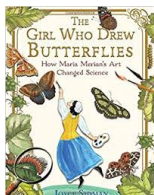
Riordan, Rick

After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. \*Available in audio through Audible and DC Public Library's Overdrive.

**\*Read two more books of your choosing from the list below.**

**\*Also, read two free choice books, which can also be from this list.**

### Nonfiction



*Destination Moon: The  
Remarkable and Improbable  
Voyage of Apollo 11*

Maurer, Richard

Beginning with fighter pilots in World War II, Maurer traces the origins of the Apollo program to a few exceptional soldiers, a Nazi engineer, and a young eager man who would become president.

*Follow Your Stuff: Who Makes It,  
Where Does It Come From, How  
Does It Get to You?*

Sylvester, Kevin

Kevin Sylvester and business professor Michael Hlinka team up to examine the often-complex journey of ordinary goods from production right to our doorsteps.

*Girl Who Drew Butterflies, The:  
How Maria Merian's Art  
Changed Science*

Sidman, Joyce

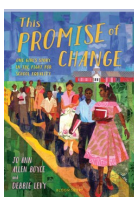
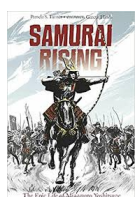
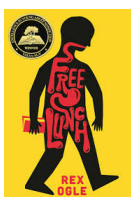
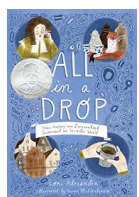
Maria Sibylla Merian was one of the first naturalists to observe live insects at a time when all bugs were considered to be "beasts of the devil." In this visual nonfiction biography, illustrated with original paintings by Merian, we get to know one of the first female entomologists who flouted convention in the pursuit of knowledge.

*Whydah, The: A Pirate Ship  
Feared, Wrecked, and Found*

Sandler, Martin  
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Sandler tells the exciting true story of the only wrecked pirate ship ever found and the mysteries it revealed. \*Available in audio through Audible.

### Biographies & Memoirs



<i>All in a Drop: How Antony van Leeuwenhoek Discovered an Invisible World</i>	Alexander, Lori	This biography about the Father of Microbiology shows readers that regardless of formal education and prestige, curiosity and ingenuity can lead to scientific success. This everyday man invented a microscope so powerful that the living world was magnified to an astonishing scale. *Available in audio through Audible.
<i>Free Lunch</i>	Ogle, Rex	Rex Ogle recounts his first semester in sixth grade in which he and his younger brother often went hungry, wore secondhand clothes, and were short of school supplies and he was on his school's free lunch program. *Available in audio through Audible.
<i>Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune</i>	Turner, Pamela S.	Chronicles the life and career of samurai Minamoto Yoshitsune, discussing his exile as a child, running away as a teenager, becoming a military genius and more.
<i>This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality</i>	Boyce, Jo Ann Allen and Debbie Levy	In 1956, one year before federal troops escorted the Little Rock 9 into Central High School, fourteen year old Jo Ann Allen was one of twelve African-American students who broke the color barrier and integrated Clinton High School in Tennessee.

### Historical Fiction



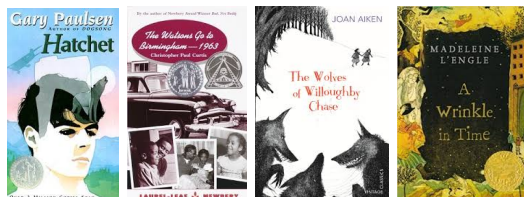
<i>All the Greys on Greene Street</i>	Tucker, Laura	Sixth-grader Olympia—called Ollie by her best friends—is left fending for herself when her father disappears and her mother experiences a major depressive crisis. *Available in audio through Audible.
<i>Lightning Dreamer: Cuba's Greatest Abolitionist</i>	Engle, Margarita	In free verse, this fictionalized biography evokes the voice of Gertrudis Gomez de Avellaneda, a book-loving writer, feminist, and abolitionist who courageously fought injustice in nineteenth-century Cuba.
<i>One True Way</i>	Hitchcock, Shannon	Welcome to Daniel Boone Middle School in the 1970s, where teachers and coaches must hide who they are, and girls who like girls are forced to question their own choices.
<i>Place to Belong, A</i>	Kadohata, Cynthia	After being interned during WWII, Hanako's family becomes disillusioned with the United States and moves back to Japan. But moving back to Hiroshima province means dealing with the aftermath of America's bombs and Hanako has to find the strength and resilience to adjust to a new place.

### Realistic Fiction



<i>Chance to Fly, The</i>	Stroker, Ali & Davidowitz, Stacy	After moving across the country, thirteen-year-old Natalie auditions for her new school's play and overcomes her fears and insecurities about performing in a wheelchair. *Available in audio through Audible.
<i>From the Desk of Zoe Washington</i>	Marks, Janae	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. Could Marcus really be innocent? Zoe is determined to uncover the truth. *Available in audio through Audible.
<i>Other Words for Home</i>	Warga, Jasmine	Jude never thought she'd be leaving older brother and father behind in Syria for Cincinnati, but when violence escalates, she and her mother must learn to adapt to a new place. Written in verse.
<i>Restart</i>	Korman, Gordon	Chase does not remember falling off the roof or anything about himself, and when he gets back to middle school he begins to learn who he was through the reactions of his peers. He really is not sure he likes the Chase that is being revealed, but can he take the opportunity to restart his life?

### Classics



<i>Hatchet</i>	Paulsen, Gary	After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce. *Available in audio through DC Public Library's Overdrive.
<i>Watsons Go to Birmingham--1963: A Novel, The</i>	Curtis, Christopher Paul	The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963. *Available in audio through DC Public Library's Overdrive.
<i>Wolves of Willoughby Chase</i>	Aiken, Joan	Surrounded by villains of the first order, brave Bonnie and gentle cousin Sylvia conquer all obstacles in this Victorian melodrama. *Available in audio through DC Public Library's Overdrive.
<i>Wrinkle in Time, A</i>	L'Engle, Madeleine	Meg Murry, her brother Charles, and their friend Calvin, embark on a journey through space and time, assisted by three otherworldly women, when they set out to find Meg's father, a physicist who disappeared while experimenting with time travel. *Available in audio through DC Public Library's Overdrive.

### Sports & Adventure



<i>Camp Average</i>	Battle, Craig	Camp Avalon, nicknamed Camp Average, is a place to play non-competitive sports, just the way campers like it. But this summer, new camp director Winston--who hates losing--has some hyper-competitive ideas about how to improve camper performance, whether they want to or not!
<i>Checked</i>	Kadohata, Cynthia	To help his dog through cancer treatment, Conor gives up hockey and finds himself considering who he is without the sport that has defined him, and connecting more with his family and best friend.
<i>Up for Air</i>	Morrison, Laurie	Thirteen-year-old Annabelle struggles in school, no matter how hard she tries. But as soon as she dives into the pool, she's unstoppable. She's the fastest girl on the middle school swim team, and when she's asked to join the high school team over the summer, everything is great until a prank goes wrong.
<i>War in the Ring: Joe Louis, Max Schmeling, and the Fight Between America and Hitler</i>	Florio, John	When world heavyweight champion Joe Louis met German boxer Max Schmeling in the ring, the evening of June 22, 1938, it was more than a simple boxing match: it had great symbolic weight as well, for it was perceived as being a fight between the U.S. and Germany, between democracy and Nazism. Who would win?

### Fantasy & Science Fiction



<i>Sal &amp; Gabi Break the Universe</i>	Hernandez, Carlos	This Rick Riordan Presents, Cuban-influenced book asks: What would you do if you had the power to reach through time and space and retrieve anything you want, including your mother, who is no longer living (in this universe, anyway)? *Available in audio through Audible.
<i>Spell and Spindle</i>	Schusterman, Michelle	The Museum of Peculiar Arts holds many oddities including Penny, a child-size marionette who almost looks alive.
<i>Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky</i>	Mbalia, Kwame	This Rick Riordan Presents centers African American folklore as seventh-grader Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky. *Available in audio through DC Public Library's Overdrive and Audible.
<i>Trouble in the Stars</i>	Prineas, Sarah	A chase across the galaxy ensues when a troublesome little shape-shifter runs from the law, with safety, freedom, and home at stake. *Available in audio through Audible.



## Mystery & Suspense



<i>Nightbooks</i>	White, J.A.	Alex loves horror stories, but the night he sets out to destroy his own original tales—he finds himself trapped by a witch in an enchanted apartment who requires him to tell her one of his horror stories each night, or else. *Available in audio through Audible.
<i>Out of Wild Night</i>	Balliett, Blue	Ghosts are on Nantucket. You can hear them in the wind and in the creaks of the old homes. They want to be remembered. And, even more, they want to protect what was once theirs.
<i>Parker Inheritance, The</i>	Johnson, Varian	After her parents divorce, Candice moves with her mother from Atlanta to the small town of Lambert, S.C., for the summer. In Candice's late grandmother's attic she finds a letter addressed to her grandmother, promising treasure to the city if the letter's puzzle can be solved.
<i>Watch Hollow</i>	Funaro, Gregory	Deep within the enchanted woods in the town of Watch Hollow stands the once-grand Blackford House, whose halls hold a magical secret: a giant cuckoo clock that does much more than tell time. But when the clock's gears cease to turn, an evil presence lurking among the trees begins to come out of the shadows. *Available in audio through Audible.

## Humor



<i>All Three Stooges</i>	Perl, Erica	Noah and Dash, two seventh graders who are best friends and comedy junkies. That is, they were best friends, until Dash's father died suddenly and Dash shut Noah out. Which Noah deserved, according to Noa, the girl who, annoyingly, shares both his name and his bar mitzvah day.
<i>Next Great Jane, The</i>	Going, K. L	Jane, a budding writer and Jane Austen fan, discovers the true secret to writing when a famous author and her cute, but annoying, son come to her small coastal town and play seemingly unwitting roles in affecting the custody battle between Jane's Hollywood mother and marine biologist father.
<i>Next Great Paulie Fink, The</i>	Benjamin, Ali	Paulie Fink, legendary class clown and troublemaker has disappeared. Now, someone has to take his place and the only person impartial enough to decide is new-kid Caitlyn. *Available in audio through Audible.

*Well, That Was Awkward*

Vail, Rachel

There are unexpected consequences when thirteen-year-old Gracie sends texts pretending to be her bashful best friend, Sienna, and their friend Emmett starts texting back pretending to be shy A.J. \*Available in audio through Audible.

### Graphic Novels



*New Kid* (series)

Craft, Jerry

Jordan Banks loves drawing cartoons and hope his parents will send him to his dream art school. but his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade.

*Pie in the Sky*

Lai, Remy

Two brothers navigate their move to Australia , learning English, and grief over losing their father through baking his recipes.

*Prince and the Dressmaker, The*

Wang, Jen

Aspiring designer Frances, is commissioned by Prince Sebastian to secretly create stunning couture gowns for Sebastian's adopted alter-ego, fashion icon Lady Crystallia.

*Twins*

Johnson, Varian

Maureen and Francine are twins and best friends. But just before the girls start sixth grade, Francine becomes Fran -- a girl who wants to run for class president and dress in fashionable outfits that set her apart from Maureen. The twins are growing apart and there's nothing Maureen can do to stop it. Are sisters really forever? Or will middle school change things for good?