

**St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School 2017
Summer Reading for Students Entering
Grade 6**

Required Reading

***All students must read:**

In the Beginning: Creation Stories from Around the World

Hamilton, Virginia

Mythology collection

***In addition, read one of these titles:**

Percy Jackson's Greek Gods

Riordan, Rick

Mythology collection

Percy Jackson's Greek Heroes

Riordan, Rick

Mythology collection

D'Aulaire's Book of Norse Myths

D'Aulaire, Edgar P.

Mythology collection

The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales

Hamilton, Virginia

Story collection

Treasury of Egyptian Mythology

Napoli, Donna Jo

Mythology collection

***Read at least two books from the attached list**

***Read one book of your choosing**

Nonfiction

Annie Sullivan and the Trials of Helen Keller (graphic novel)

Lambert, Joseph

Nonfiction - A graphic novel that explores the role of Annie Sullivan as teacher and companion to Helen Keller and discusses the bond that formed between the two women as Helen went on to accomplish many feats.

Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen

Jennings, Jazz

Memoir - An autobiography of Jazz Jennings in which she shares her experiences of transitioning for male to female and becoming an advocate for transgender youth.

Boys in the Boat, The

Brown, James Daniel

Sports Nonfiction - Young-adult edition of acclaimed true story of a hardscrabble group of rowers from the University of Washington crew team that make an unimaginable run for the Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

First Girl Scout : Juliette Gordon Low, The

Wadsworth, Ginger

Biography - Juliette Gordon Low loved the outdoors and started the Girl Scouts so girls & young women could enjoy the outdoors.

Ghosts in the Fog

Seiple, Samantha

Nonfiction - Presents an account of the World War II invasion of Alaska by the Japanese and is told from the viewpoints of American civilians who were captured on the Aleutian Islands.

Hidden Figures: Young Readers Edition

Shetterly, Margot Lee

Nonfiction - Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as -human computers- used pencils, slide rules, and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. This book brings to life the stories of four African-American women who lived through the civil rights era, the Space Race, the Cold War, and the movement for gender equality, and whose work forever changed the face of NASA and the country.

I am Malala

Yousafzai, Malala

Biography - Malala Yousafzai's describes her fight for education for girls under Taliban rule, the support she received from her parents to pursue an education, and how the Taliban retaliated against her by trying to kill her.

Maze Me, A

Nye, Naomi Shihab

Poetry - Poems written by a Palestinian-American woman.

Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95

Hoose, Philip

Nonfiction - Scientists follow a shorebird's awe-inspiring 9,000 mile annual migration from the Arctic Circle to Tierra del Fuego.

Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes

Herrera, Juan Felipe

Nonfiction - Showcases twenty Hispanic and Latino American men and women who have made outstanding contributions to the arts, politics, science, humanitarianism, and athletics.

<i>Samurai Rising</i>	Turner, Pamela S.	Biography - 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>Searching for Sarah Rector: the Richest Black Girl in America</i>	Bolden, Tonya	Biography - Recounts the story of the 1914 disappearance of eleven-year-old Sarah Rector, an African American who was part of the Creek Indian people and whose land had made her wealthy, and what it reveals about race, money, and American society.
<i>Ten Days a Madwoman</i>	Noyes, Deborah	Nonfiction - A biography of Nellie Bly, the pioneering journalist whose showy but substantive stunts skyrocketed her to fame.
<i>We are the Ship: the Story of Negro League Baseball</i>	Nelson, Kadir	Nonfiction - History presented in a gripping story full of unforgettable characters. A good audio version is also available.
<i>World Without Fish</i>	Kurlansky, Mark	Nonfiction - illustrated narrative nonfiction account of what is happening to the world's oceans and what people can do about it.
<i>You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen</i>	Weatherford, Carole Boston	Poetry - This collection of free-verse poems offers an evocative portrait of the U.S.' first African American military pilots, who trained at the Tuskegee Institute during WWI.
Fiction		
<i>Anything But Typical</i>	Baskin, Nora Raleigh	Realistic Fiction - Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.
<i>As Brave as You</i>	Reynolds, Jason	Realistic Fiction - As their parents try to repair their marriage, brothers Ernie and Genie uncover family history and the extent of their own bravery, while spending an eye-opening summer with their grandparents in Virginia.
<i>Bamboo Sword, The</i>	Preus, Margi	Historical Fiction - The worlds and destinies of two boys--Yoshi, a lowly servant to a samurai, and Jack, a cabin boy on one of the Commodore Matthew Perry's warships--become intertwined when Perry's fleet arrives in Japan in 1853 to request that the isolationist country open its ports. Action and intrigue in a period of upheaval.
<i>Before We Were Free</i>	Alvarez, Julia	Realistic Fiction - The Dominican Republic in 1960s is run by the dictator General Trujillo. Will Anita and her family survive?
<i>Better Nate Than Ever (series)</i>	Tom Federle	Realistic Fiction - An eighth-grader who dreams of performing in a Broadway musical concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of "E.T."
<i>Cartwheeling in Thunderstorms</i>	Rundell, Katherine	Fiction - Will must find her way after she's plucked out of a wonderful life in Zimbabwe and forced to go to boarding school in England.
<i>Change-Up: Mystery at the World Series</i>	Feinstein, John	Mystery - Teen reporters are covering the World Series and discover that the pitcher is trying to hide something.
<i>Crossover, The (novel in verse)</i>	Alexander, Kwame	Fiction - Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.
<i>Fourteenth Goldfish, The</i>	Holm, Jennifer	Fantasy - Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager--which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.
<i>Furthermore</i>	Mafi, Tahereh	Fantasy - Twelve-year-old Alice Queensmeadow, with the help of her friend Oliver, travels through the dangerous, magical land of Furthermore in order to rescue her missing father and prove her own magical abilities.
<i>Garvey's Choice</i>	Grimes, Nikki	Realistic Fiction - Utilizing tanka poems, this novel in verse relates how Garvey's family, new friend, and love of music lead him to personal discovery and self-acceptance.
<i>Ghost</i>	Reynolds, Jason	Sports Fiction - Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential.

<i>Girl Who Drank the Moon, The</i>	Barnhill, Kelly	In this fantasy tale told from multiple viewpoints, a town is terrorized by a witch to whom they must sacrifice a baby every year. But is the witch really what she seems?
<i>Graveyard Book, The</i>	Gaiman, Neil	True to its title, this book takes place in a graveyard, among the ghostly inhabitants who protect a young, living boy and raise him after a horrible crime takes his entire family in one night.
<i>Great Trouble, The</i>	Hopkinson, Deborah	Historical Fiction - Eel, an orphan, and his best friend Florrie must help Dr. John Snow prove that cholera is spread through water, and not poisonous air, when an epidemic sweeps across their London neighborhood in 1854.
<i>Inquisitor's Tale, The</i>	Gidwitz, Adam	Fantasy - On a dark night in 1242 France, travelers tell the story of three mysterious children: William, Jacob, and Jeanne, and their dog Gwenforte, recently brought back from the dead.
<i>Land of Forgotten Girls, The</i>	Kelly, Erin Entrada	Realistic Fiction - Abandoned by their father and living in poverty with their heartless stepmother in Louisiana, two sisters from the Philippines, twelve-year-old Sol and six-year-old Ming, learn the true meaning of family.
<i>Ms. Bixby's Last Day</i>	Anderson, Jon David	Realistic Fiction - Ms. Bixby is the sort of teacher that makes going to school worthwhile. When she is diagnosed with cancer, three boys decide to make sure her last day is perfect.
<i>My Name is Parvana</i>	Ellis, Deborah	Realistic Fiction - The Taliban threaten Parvana, 15, and all who work to educate girls in contemporary Afghanistan.
<i>Night Gardener, The</i>	Auxier, Jonathan	"A story helps folks face the world, even when it frightens 'em. And a lie does the opposite. It helps you hide." In this creepy tale, two abandoned Irish siblings find work in a crumbling manor house with a dark secret.
<i>Out of My Mind</i>	Draper, Sharon	Melody is a typical 10 year-old girl who goes to school, argues with her parents, likes clothes and books and puppies...and has never spoken a word. Born with cerebral palsy, Melody is, to a degree, trapped in her own body and mind. Over the course of her story her family changes, new technology helps her communicate more clearly, and she struggles to find inclusion in fifth grade where kids can be cruel and she is often underestimated by kids and adults alike.
<i>Pax</i>	Pennypacker, Sara	A boy and his pet fox are separated during wartime. Each is determined to find the other through a landscape rife with dangers.
<i>Red: The True Story of Red Riding Hood</i>	Shurtliff, Liesl	Fantasy - Followed by a wolf, a huntsman, and a porridge-sampling nuisance called Goldie, Red embarks on a quest to find a magical cure for her ailing grandmothe
<i>Red Butterfly</i>	Sonnichsen, A. L.	Realistic Fiction - In China, a foundling girl with a deformed hand raised in secret by an American woman must navigate China's strict adoption system when she is torn away from the only family she has ever known.
<i>Red Thread Sisters, The</i>	Peacock, Carol	Realistic Fiction - A girl is adopted from a Chinese orphanage. She struggles to adjust & find a family for her friend left behind.
<i>Return to Sender</i>	Alvarez, Julia	Realistic Fiction - Migrant workers help save Tyler's family's farm in Vermont, but will they survive without being deported?.
<i>Stanford Wong Flunks Big-time</i>	Yee, Lisa	Realistic Fiction - Summer school instead of basketball camp is the worst thing, until Stanford has an 11-year-old girl as his tutor.
<i>Stella by Starlight</i>	Draper, Sharon	Historical Fiction - When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.
<i>Summerlost</i>	Condie, Ally	Realistic Fiction - Following the sudden deaths of her father and autistic younger brother, Cedar Lee spends the summer working at a Shakespearean theater festival, making a new friend, and coming to terms with her grief.
<i>Taking Sides</i>	Soto, Gary	Realistic Fiction - A Hispanic boy moves to a white suburb where his new basketball team plays his old team from the barrio.
<i>Tale Dark and Grimm, A (series)</i>	Gidwitz, Adam	This series, immensely popular with Grade 6 readers, re-infuses the old Grimm's fairy tales with their original darkness. Squeamish readers beware- but not too 'ware- the grotesque exists right alongside the humorous.

<i>Thief Lord, The</i>	Cornelia Funke	To runaways, Prosper and Bo, negotiate the streets of Venice and fall in with a ragtag group of street urchins and their leader, the mysterious Thief Lord. Magic and shades of Oliver Twist in the mazelike alleyways of old Italy!
<i>Thing About Jellyfish, The</i>	Benjamin, Ali	Realistic Fiction - Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death.
<i>Tru and Nelle</i>	Neri, Greg	Historical Fiction - In their small town of Monroeville, Alabama in 1930, misfits Tru and Nelle strike up a friendship and find a mystery to solve when someone breaks into the drugstore and steals some candy and a fancy brooch.
<i>True Legend</i>	Lupica, Mike	Sports Fiction - True has a talent on the court that makes him a legend, but when he buys into the hype trouble is everywhere.
<i>War that Saved My Life, The</i>	Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	Historical Fiction - A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.
<i>Water Castle, The</i>	Megan Frazier Blakemoore	Fantasy - When Ephraim learns of the Fountain of Youth that is supposed to be at his family's castle home, he's sure finding it can cure his dad. With Mallory and Will's help, the trio embarks on a mission that brings them deep into their families' shared history and on a quest that will blur the lines of magic and science.
<i>Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963, The</i>	Curtis, Christopher Paul	Historical Fiction - The Watsons go to Birmingham to visit Grandma and are in time to witness the bombing of her church.
<i>Warriors, The</i>	Bruchac, Joseph	Sports Fiction - Jack moves to DC from a reservation, but the new LAX team only cares about winning & nothing about his people.
<i>Wild Robot, The</i>	Brown, Peter	Robot Roz opens her eyes to find herself stranded on an island populated with a bevy of wild animals. Can she adjust to this new, wild life? Or will her past catch up with her and threaten the island?
<i>Wolf Hollow</i>	Wolk, Lauren	Historical Fiction - Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what's right in the face of a manipulative and violent new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran.
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