

**2009 Sixth Grade Required Reading  
Pizitz and Liberty Park Middle Schools**

*Your child will enjoy reading a total of ten novels in English throughout the course of the school year. Here is a list of tentative book titles: (9/4/09)*

Four Perfect Pebbles  
Surviving the Applewhites  
Marley, A Dog Like No Other  
Rules  
Tom Sawyer  
Stargirl  
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe  
From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankenweiler  
Al Capone Does My Shirts  
Out of the Dust

*Required: A total of five books a quarter. Two of the five books will be in class assignments. One of the two will be in the Language Arts class. The other book will be completed in another academic class. The other three books are independent choices. Please use the list below to help in the selection for each quarter. Your child must select books from at least two different genres. Your child must select books from at least two different genres.*

**Historical Fiction**

The Sign of the Beaver ~ Elizabeth George Speare  
Out of the Dust ~ Karen Hesse  
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas ~ John Boyne  
Seer of Shadows ~ Avi  
A Single Shard ~ Linda Sue Park  
Bud, Not Buddy ~ Christopher Paul Curtis  
Catherine, Called Birdy ~ Karen Cushman  
Al Capone Does My Shirts ~ Gennifer Choldenko  
A Long Way From Chicago ~ Richard Peck  
Year Down Yonder ~ Richard Peck  
Summer of My German Soldier ~ Bette Greene  
Esperanza Rising ~ Pam Munoz Ryan  
The Watson's Go to Birmingham ~ Christopher Paul Curtis  
Bat 6 ~ Virginia Euwer Wolff

**Non-fiction**

Dynasty on the Diamond ~ Sammy Dunn  
Tuesdays with Morrie ~ Mitch Albom  
Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board ~ Bethany Hamilton  
Boy ~ Roald Dahl  
The Fire Tower: Alabama Turkey Hunting ~ Bob Henderson, Jr.  
Another Season ~ Gene Stallings  
Red Scarf Girl ~ Ji-li Jang  
The Hiding Place ~ Corrie Ten Boom

**Realistic Fiction**

At Home at Mitford ~ Jan Karon  
When Zachary Beaver Came to Town ~ Kimberly Willis Holt  
The Great Gilly Hopkins ~ Katherine Paterson  
Tangerine ~ Edward Bloor  
Bridge to Terabithia ~ Katherine Paterson  
Everything on a Waffle ~ Polly Horvath  
Crash ~ Jerry Spinelli  
Hoot ~ Carl Hiassen  
Flush ~ Carl Hiassen  
Flipped ~ Wendelin Van Draanen  
The Tiger Rising ~ Kate DiCamillo  
Stargirl ~ Jerry Spinelli  
Walk Two Moons ~ Sharon Creech  
Because of Winn Dixie ~ Kate DiCamillo  
Hatchet ~ Gary Paulsen  
Holes ~ Louis Sachar  
Joey Pigza Loses Control ~ Jack Gantos  
Maniac McGee ~ Jerry Spinelli

**Science Fiction**

The Great Interactive Dream Machine ~ Richard Peck  
The Giver ~ Lois Lowry  
Uglies trilogy ~ Scott Westerfeld  
The City of Ember ~ Jeanne DuPrau  
The People of Sparks ~ Jeanne DuPrau  
The House of the Scorpion ~ Nancy Farmer  
Phoenix Rising ~ Karen Hesse  
Wrinkle in Time ~ Madeleine L'Engle

**Fantasy**

Eragon ~ Christopher Paolini  
InkHeart ~ Cornelia Funke  
The Hobbit ~ J.R.R. Tolkien  
The Thief Lord ~ Cornelia Funke  
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe ~ C.S. Lewis  
Changelings ~ Zilpha Keatley Snyder  
The Lightning Thief ~ Rick Riordan  
The Tale of Despereaux ~ Kate DiCamillo  
The Redwall Series ~ Brian Jacques  
Fablehaven ~ Brandon Mull

*\*Some recommended authors of fantasy:*

Christopher Paolini  
Cornelia Funke  
JR Tolken  
C.S. Lewis  
Madeleine L'Engle

Rick Riordan  
J.K. Rowling  
Eoin Colfer  
Brian Jacques

**Mystery**

Something Upstairs ~ Avi

The House of Dies Drear ~ Virginia Hamilton

Dollhouse Murders ~Betty Ren Wright

From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler ~ E.L. Konisburg

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes ~ Arthur Conan Doyle

The Nancy Drew Series ~ Carolyn Keene

The Hardy Boys Series ~ Franklin W. Dixon