

**Saint Bartholomew School
Summer Reading List 2009
Grade Six**

Dear Sixth Grader:

Summer is the perfect time for turning the pages of a great book. The public library, bookstores, and the personal libraries of friends and family are perfect spots to find new and interesting books. Here are some suggestions to get you started, but feel free to read books that are not on this list. If you find a book that you really like, tell me and I will put it on our list for next year.

You must read at least **three books**, please try to read books from different categories. List your choices on this form or use the graph that is attached. The list or graph should be returned to your teacher during the first week of school. Each student will be required to present to his or her **reading teacher** a book report from one book on the list using the format below:

SUMMER BOOK REPORT FORMAT

1. Create a book cover to illustrate the main idea of the book; include the title and author.
2. Attach a written report: A summary that includes the setting and the correct sequence of events in the story. In the summary, the plot must be resolved.
3. One page or more, may be typed (double-spaced)
4. Please check for correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling.
5. Your name and grade go at the bottom of the report.

Transform your summer, read!

Mrs. Davison

Fiction _____

Poetry & Bible Stories _____

Fantasy, Folk & Fairy Tales _____

Biography _____

Nature & Science _____

Historical Fact & Fiction _____

A book that should be added to our list: _____

Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

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***You might enjoy reading other books written by authors whose names are marked by an asterisk.**

FICTION

Avi*

Blue Heron

When Maggie arrives at her father's rented seaside cottage, she senses something isn't right. As she tries to sort things out, the blue heron becomes a symbol of hope.

Balliett, Blue*

Chasing Vermeer

Petra and Calder may be in the same sixth grade class, but they barely know each other. During a museum field trip they discover their shared worship of art, their teacher Ms. Hussey, and the blue candy that doesn't melt in your hands. A thief steals a Vermeer painting en route to Chicago, their home town. The thief leaves a trail of public clues via the newspaper, Petra and Calder decide to recover the painting themselves. The Wright 3, Petra, Calder and Tommy work

together on another mystery! The Calder Game They are back for more adventure and mystery!

Burnford

Incredible Journey

Three animals undertake a long and hazardous trip through the Canadian wilderness.

Choldenko, Gennifer

Al Capone Does My Shirts

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

Clements, Andrew*

The Landry News

5th grade Cara Landry's school newspaper inspires a teacher to change his ways.

Creech

Walk Two Moons

13 yr.old Salamanca Tree Hiddle travels from Ohio to Idaho with her eccentric and elderly but young at heart grandparents.

Dahl

Danny The Champion of the World

The hilarious adventures of Danny and the best dad a boy ever had. But Dad has one surprise that catches Danny completely off-guard, a secret passion that he's hidden for years.

Ferris, Jean

Once Upon a Marigold

Christian falls in love with Princess Marigold, but it's up to him to untwist an odd love triangle-er, rectangle-and foil a scheming queen who wants to take over the kingdom, even if it means bumping off her own daughter.

Fletcher, Ralph

Flying Solo

When the sixth grade teacher calls in sick and the substitute fails to show, the class takes it upon themselves to go solo for the day.

Funke, Cornelia

Inkheart

One night, Meggie's father reads aloud from Inkheart, and an evil ruler named Capricorn escapes the boundaries of the book, landing in their living room. Can Meggie change the course of the story that has changed her life forever?

Funke, Cornelia*

The Thief Lord

Prosper and Bo are orphans on the run from their cruel aunt and uncle. In Venice they meet a mysterious 13 yr. old boy who calls himself the "Thief Lord." This is a great book!

George

Water Sky

In searching for his uncle in Alaska, Lincoln becomes part of an Eskimo whaling crew and learns about a different way of life.

Gutman, Dan

Million Dollar Shot

When 11 year old Eddie Ball wins a poetry contest sponsored by a local candy factory, he also wins the opportunity to hit a million dollar shot at the NBA finals.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Among the Hidden (series)

Luke has never been to school. He's never had a birthday party or a sleepover. Luke is one of the shadow children, a third child forbidden by the Population Police. He's lived his entire life in hiding. Finally, he meets a shadow child like himself and Jen is willing to take risks to come out of the shadows.

Hahn*

Dead Man in Indian Creek

Two boys discover a body in the creek during a camping trip.

Horowitz, Anthony

Stormbreaker (series)

Alex Rider's world is turned upside down when he discovers that his uncle and guardian has been murdered. The 14-year-old makes one discovery after another until he is sucked into his uncle's undercover world. The Special Operations Division of M16, his uncle's real employer, blackmails the teen into serving England. After two short weeks of training, Alex is equipped with several special toys like a Game Boy with unique cartridges that allow it to scan, fax, and emit smoke bombs. Alex's mission is to complete his uncle's last assignment, to discover the secret that Herod Sayle is hiding behind his generous donation of one of his supercomputers to every school in the country. When Alex enters Sayle's compound in Port Tallon, he discovers a strange world of secrets and villains including Mr. Grin, an ex-circus knife catcher, and Yassen Gregorovich, professional hit man. **Book Two: Point Blank, Book Three: Skeleton Key, Book Four: Eagle Strike, Book Five: Scorpia, Book Six: Snakehead**

Horvath, Polly

Everything on a Waffle

Primrose Squarp simply *knows* her parents did not perish at sea during a terrible storm, but try convincing the other residents of Coal Harbour on that score. For the time being, Primrose is an orphan. The town council is able to locate a relative, Uncle Jack, who reluctantly takes Primrose into his care. Great book.

*Kimmel, Elizabeth, Cody

Lily B. on the Brink of Cool

Lily B. spends her 13th summer missing her best friend and keeping a journal of her boring life. That all changes when she meets cousins at a wedding that she thinks are "way cool." Also, "Lily B. on the Brink of Paris" and "Lily B. on the Brink of Love"

Korman, Gordon

The Sixth Grade Nickname Game

Eleven year old Jeff and Wiley take pride in their ability to come up with funny nicknames for their classmates.

Lupica, Mike

Heat

Michael Arroyo has a pitching arm that throws serious heat. But his firepower is nothing compared to the heat Michael faces in his day-to-day life. Newly orphaned after his father led the family's escape from Cuba, Michael's only family is his seventeen-year old brother Carlos. If Social Services hears of their situation, they will be separated in the foster-care system—or worse, sent back to Cuba. (Mrs. Davison's favorite sports writer!)

McCaughrean, Geraldine

Stop the Train!

This is an adventure set in Oklahoma at the time of the great land rush. Hardy souls come west to better their lives, but the owner of the train vows never to let his train stop in their town.

McKinley, Robin

The Outlaws of Sherwood

From the beginning when you first meet the forester, Robin and his merry men, to the ending, when King Richard surprises them all, you'll be entranced by the adventures of all these characters.

Mikaelsen

Countdown

While on the shuttle Endeavor, a 14 year old American makes contact with a boy from Kenya.

Mikaelsen

Rescue: Josh McGuire

Josh runs away with a baby bear cub that is destined for laboratory testing. Their lives are endangered.

O'Hara*

Green Grass of Wyoming

Classic Rocky Mountain adventure story about horses.

Paterson

Park's Quest

Though 11 yr. old Park lives in a fantasy world of knights in shining armor, questing for the Holy Grail, a real-life quest overwhelms his dreams: He wants to find out about his father who died in the Vietnam war, but his mother is not talking.

Paterson

Preacher's Boy

A preacher's son grabs at trouble in 1900, he and Tom Sawyer have a lot in common!

Paulsen*

Hatchet

Thirteen year old Brian survives in the Canadian wilderness using his wits and a hatchet. Rob admits having seen a murder but no one believes him – except the murderer.

Peck, Richard*

Here Lies the Librarian

Peewee idolizes her big brother, Jake, who dreams of auto mechanic glory in 1914. A folksy setting, classic cars and vintage Richard Peck humor make this a fun read!

Sachar *

Holes

Winner of the 1999 Newbery Award and National Book Award for Children's Literature. Stanley Yelnats has been sent to a camp that is not for having fun at!!!

Spinelli*

Stargirl

See what it is like to be different than any other girl in school. Book 2 "Love, Stargirl" is out!

Spinner, Stephanie

Quiver

It was Artemis, goddess of the hunt and mistress of the wild, who rescued the abandoned baby Atalanta, sending a she-bear to nurse her and a band of hunters to raise her in safety.

Tolan, Stephanie

Surviving the Applewhites

Jake Semple had been kicked out of every school in Rhode Island. Now there was only one place left that will take him, a home school run by the most outrageous, forgetful, chaotic, quarrelsome family you'll ever meet.

Ullman

Banner in the Sky

Rudi's secret ambition is to scale the mountain that had claimed his father's life

Updale, Eleanor

Montmorency

Based in late 1800's London, career criminal Montmorency assumes a dual identity as an Opera-going gentleman who resides in one of the city's best hotels.

Yep*

Lator. Gator

Teddy is in trouble when he buys his younger brother an alligator.

HISTORICAL FICTION

Anderson, Laurie, Halse

Fever 1793

In 1793 Philadelphia, 16 yr. Old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

Auch

Journey To Nowhere

In 1815, 11 year old Mem reluctantly journeys with her family to the wilderness of New York state.

Beauty

Charley Skedaddle

A 12 year old is a drummer for the Union Army.

Choldenko, Gennifer

Al Capone Does My Shirts

12 yr. old Moose moves to Alcatraz in 1935 so his father can work as a prison guard and his autistic sister can attend a special school in San Francisco. Newbery Honor book.

Curtis

Bud, Not Buddy

Bud searches for his real father who he thinks is a famous musician. This book won the Newbery Award for 2000.

Cushman *

The Ballad of Lucy Whipple

Lucy and her family move from Massachusetts during the California Gold Rush and Lucy helps run a rough boarding house in a small mining town.

Fenner

Yolanda's Genius

Fifth grader Yolanda decides to prove that her younger brother is not retarded, but is a musical genius.

Fleischman*

Bull Run

Exciting story about a Civil War battle.

Giff

Lily's Crossing

Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see World War II and her own world in a different light.

Hahn*

Stepping on the Cracks

Two 11-year-old friends get a new viewpoint about World War II from a youthful deserter who needs their help.

Kerr

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit

Recounts the adventures of a 9 yr. old Jewish girl as she travels from Germany to England in 1930.

Kochenderfer, Lee

The Victory Garden

A slice of WWII Americana in relating the trials and triumphs of its 11-year-old narrator. After her neighbor, gruff Mr. Burt, is hospitalized, Teresa can't stand the thought of his carefully tended victory garden going to ruin. She leads a campaign to salvage his harvest and, at the same time, earn money for the war effort.

Murphy, Jim

Blizzard! The Storm That Changed America

A history, based on personal accounts and newspaper articles, of the massive snow storm that hit the Northeast in 1888, focusing on the events in New York City.

O'Dell*

Sing Down the Moon

A young Navaho girl tells the story of her people's march into captivity at the hands of the white man.

Orlev

Island on Bird Street

Alex hides in an abandoned building while awaiting his father's return to Warsaw in this World War II story.

Paterson*

Of Nightingales That Weep

A twelfth-century Japanese girl goes to live at the royal court.

Pringle, Laurence **Dog of Discovery: A Newfoundland's Adventure with Lewis and Clark**

The Lewis and Clark expedition features the dog that was its most unusual member. Selections from the actual journals of Lewis and Clark appear throughout the text.

Propp, Vera

When The Soldiers Were Gone

The story takes place in Holland in 1945. Henk is forced to leave the family that hid him from the Germans during the War and return to his Jewish parents.

Smucker

Runaway to Freedom

Some of the incidents about Julilly and Liza's escape from slavery are based on facts.

Wisler

Red Cap

Ramson J. Powell joins the Union Army at age 13. When captured by Confederates and taken to Andersonville Prison, he displays great courage.

Woodruff

Letters From the Overland Trail

Austin joins a wagon train heading for Oregon. Along the way, he writes letters that relate the story of the challenging journey.

TALES OF MYSTERY AND IMAGINATION

Alexander*

The Remarkable Journey of Prince Jen

Bearing six unusual gifts, young Prince Jen embarks on a perilous quest and emerges triumphantly.

Avi *

Perloo The Bold

Perloo, a peaceful scholar, who has been chosen to succeed Joliane as leader of the furry underground people called Montmers, finds himself in danger when Joliane dies and her evil son seizes control of the borrow.

Avi*

Midnight Magic

A nervous king, an exasperatingly playful princess, a diabolical count, an oddly ubiquitous kitchen boy, a magician who doesn't believe in magic, and a servant who knows far too much for his own good. Find out what happens when this motley crew embarks on a medieval ghost hunt.

Baker, E.D.*

The Frog Princess (series)

Princess Emeraldal is n't exactly an ideal princess. Her laugh sounds like a donkey's bray, she trips over her own feet, and she hates the young Prince Jorge whom her mother hopes she will marry.

Barry, Dave

Peter and the Starcatchers (Series)

An orphan boy named Peter and his mysterious new friend, Molly, overcome bands of pirates and thieves in their quest to keep a fantastical secret safe and save the world from evil! Book 2 "Peter and the Shadow Thieves" and "Peter and the Secret of Rundoon" continues the adventures.

Brooks, Walter, R.*

Freddy the Pilot (series)

Freddy the Pig, famous detective of the Bean farm, has his hands full. The comic book tycoon (and evil master-mind) Watson P. Condiment is trying to steal the prize performer from Mr. Boomschmidt's Circus. Freddy and his partner, Mrs. Wiggins the Cow must save their friend.

Carman, Patrick

The Dark Hills Divide

Elyon is a land of enchanted forests, and great walls that connect and encircle the cities of Lathbury, Turlock, Lunenburg, and Bridewell. On a trip to Bridewell with her father, the mayor of Lathbury, Alexa Daley dreams of escape. But, the walls are heavily guarded, and legends suggest that forests and hills are no place for a young girl. However, an unfortunate accident puts Alexa within reach of a way outside the wall.

Colfer*

Artemis Fowl (Book One) (series)

Who is Artemis Fowl: a genius, a criminal mastermind, a millionaire. See how he plots to steal the richest treasure, the timeless treasure of the fairies. **Book Two, The Artic Incident:** Artemis has to save his father after he has been kidnapped! **Book Three, The Eternity Code,** Artemis' father comes home after 5 yrs. in jail and vows to go straight. Artemis has to agree to give up a life of crime, after one last scheme! **Book Four, The Opal Deception, Book Five, The Lost Colony.**

Coville *

Song of the Wanderer

Sequel to Into the Land of The Unicorns. Cara continues her adventures in Luster.

Dann, Colin

The Animals of Farthing Wood

When their home in Farthing Wood is threatened by a new housing development, the animals take the Oath of Common Safety so they can travel together to a wildlife refuge Toad has heard about.

Dicamillo, Katie

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

In The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane we are given a glimpse of arrogance gone wild. The china doll is made to feel special and is loved so much by his owner that he can't conceive he holds any other position than the center of the universe. Then, in an unexpected event, Edward Tulane is thrust into the depths of despair and only thru the kind acts of others is he taught the meaning of love. His various handlers and owners each contribute to Edwards salvation in small ways. (Awesome story, read aloud to the family!)

D'Aulaire*

Book of Greek Myths

Illustrated retellings of the myths surrounding the gods and goddesses of ancient Greece.

Fang

The Ch'i-lin Purse

This is an excellent collection of ancient Chinese stories.

Hahn*

Time For Andrew

While visiting his great aunt, 11 year old Andrew exchanges places with his uncle who died many years before.

Hesse, Karen*

The Music of Dolphins

Raised by dolphins, Mila is rescued by scientists who help her become more human.

Hunter, Erin

Warriors: Into the Wild, Book One (series)

For generations, four clans of wild cats have shared the forest according to laws laid down by powerful ancestral clans. But now things are changing: ShadowClan has banished WindClan and is threatening RiverClan and ThunderClan by insisting on hunting rights within their territories. What's more, each year the TwoLegs encroach further into the forest, and prey is becoming scarce. A prophecy reveals, "Fire alone can save [the] Clan." Into this dangerous situation wanders a "kittypet," a young, bright orange tomcat whose courage earns him, despite objections by some, a place as an apprentice ThunderClan warrior and the new name of Firepaw.

Levine, Gail *

The Princess Test (series)

The author of Ella Enchanted retells the story of The Princess and The Pea. This is the second in this series of very funny stories.

Levine, Gail*

The Wish

Wilma's wish-to be the most popular kid at Claverford Junior High-is granted by an old woman on the subway to whom she has given her seat. Jared becomes attracted to her, and though he is not one of the really cool guys, the security of her new popularity allows their friendship to develop. Her new life is everything she could have hoped for, but she realizes that her wish will come to an end in a few weeks with graduation.

Lindbergh

Nick of Time

This is a funny and original time travel fantasy.

Lisle

Afternoon of the Elves

As Hillary works in a village allegedly made by elves, she becomes concerned about her friend who lives in a big, gloomy house.

McAllister, M.I.

The Mistmantle Chronicles (series)

An orphaned squirrel with a powerful destiny. A treacherous couple determined to seize the Throne. An epic adventure filled with drama, suspense and heroic deeds.

McKinley

Beauty

This full-length story is based on the familiar tale, Beauty and the Beast.

Nimmo, Jenny

Midnight For Charlie Bone (series)

The mysterious and magical powers of the Red King have been passed down through his descendants. These gifts, some evil and some good, turn up unexpectedly in someone who has no idea where they came from. Book 2: Charlie Bone and the Time Twister, Book 3: Charlie Bone and the Invisible Boy, Book 4: Charlie Bone and the Castle of Mirrors, Book 5: Charlie Bone and the Hidden King.

Oppel, Kenneth

Airborn: Book One

A cabin boy on a lighter-than-air liner in the book's Jules Verne world, finds adventure and romance among pirates and mysterious flying creatures on an uncharted island. *Skybreaker* continues the story.

Paolini, Christopher

Eragon

Eragon, a young farm boy, finds a marvelous blue stone in a mystical mountain place. It hatches a beautiful sapphire-blue dragon, a race thought to be extinct. Eragon bonds with the dragon, and when his family is killed by the marauding Ra'zac, he discovers that he is the last of the Dragon Riders.

Eldest, is book two, and **Brisingr** is book three in the series.

Peck, Richard

The Teacher's Funeral : A Comedy in Three Parts

Russell Culver's sentiments run from ecstasy to despair when he learns that dreadful Miss Myrt, the schoolteacher, has succumbed to a sudden heart attack just before the beginning of the school year. No sooner is Miss Myrt laid to rest in the Balm of Gilead Cemetery than it becomes clear that her successor is going to be Russell's seventeen-year-old sister, Tansy, and all hope for closing the "Jailhouse of School" is dashed.

Raven, Nicky

Beowulf

This ancient tale is retold by Nicky Raven, illustrated by John Howe. Beowulf, the legendary hero of an Old English epic poem composed in the early 8th century. Definitely a "boy book"!

Riordan, Rick

The Lightning Thief

The escapades of the Greek gods and heroes get a fresh spin in the first book in the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series, about a contemporary 12-year-old New Yorker who learns he's a demigod. Perseus, aka Percy Jackson, thinks he has big problems. He vaporizes his pre-algebra teacher, learns his best friend is a satyr, and is almost killed by a minotaur before his mother manages to get him to the safety of Camp Half-Blood--where he discovers that Poseidon is his father. #2 *The Sea of Monsters* , #3 *The Titan's Curse* , Book #4 *The Battle of the Labyrinth*, Book #5 *The Last Olympian*

***Rowling, J. K.**

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

This will tie up all the loose ends to an awesome series!

Sage, Angie

Magyk (series)

Infants switched at birth, spell casting, brownies, boggarts, dastardly villains and wizards add lively scenery and action throughout. Sharp readers will have young Septimus Heap's fate (and that of Jenna, adopted by his family) figured out before the end, but will still enjoy the ride. And since Septimus is the gifted-by-birthright seventh son of a seventh son, this is the first in a planned trilogy. **Book Two: Flyte, Book Three: Physik, Book Four: Queste (Book 5 due out in Sept. 2009)**

Selznick, Brian

The Invention of Hugo Cabret

Orphan, clock keeper, and thief, Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. Hugo's secrets are put in jeopardy by a girl and old man who runs a toy booth.

Stroud, Jonathan

The Bartimaeus Trilogy: The Amulet of Samarkand

Nathaniel has been apprenticed to Mr. Underwood for several years. At the age of 12, he has finally been Named and is on his way to becoming a real magician. However, the Amulet of Samarkand has been stolen from the powerful magician Simon Lovelace. Only Nathaniel knows what really happened

because it was he who commanded the 5000-year-old djinni, Bartimaeus to steal it for him. (Book 2 is The Golem's Eye, Book 3 is Ptolemy's Gate)

Van Draanen, Wendelin **Sammy Keyes and the Dead Giveaway (series)**

While helping an elderly lady with her dog, Sammy notices the local council member seems to be working both sides of the eminent domain issue. She also becomes aware that someone is purposefully throwing rocks through the windows along the street. Following a "group nondate" to the dance, Sammy and her friends go into the crumbling neighborhood, and that's when Sammy figures out what's going on. Sammy and her friends solve the mystery.

Woodruff **Magnificent Mummy Maker**

A museum mummy helps transform Andy, a less than magnificent student, into the top student in the class.

Woodruff **The Orphan of Ellis Island**

Dominic gets stranded at Ellis Island and is transported back to an Italian village in 1908.

BIOGRAPHY

Christopher, Matt **At the Plate With Ken Griffey, Jr.**

Ken Griffey Jr., son of former pro ball player Ken Griffey Sr., has baseball in his blood. As a member of Seattle Mariners since 1989, he has fulfilled his destiny by helping his team become division champs.

Delano, Marfe, Ferguson **Inventing the Future: A Photobiography of Thomas Alva Edison**

Thomas Edison's 1,093 patented inventions include the light bulb, the phonograph and more.

Delano paints a memorable portrait with lively text, rare photos, and Edison's own words.

Ehrich **Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West**

The destruction of an Indian tribe is told in this story.

Fendler **Don Fendler: Lost on a Mountain in Maine**

A 12 year old describes his 9-day struggle to survive after being separated from friends in the mountains of Maine.

Freedman* **Abraham Lincoln**

This beautifully written biography of a beloved American president includes captions from Lincoln's own writing and photographs.

Fritz* **You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton?**

This book is about Elizabeth Cady Stanton's fight for women's right to vote in the 1800's.

Hautiz **The Endless Steppe: Growing up in Siberia**

Hautiz writes of the years she and her family spent in a Siberian village as prisoners of the Russians.

Krull **Lives of the Writers**

The author and illustrator have created biographical sketches featuring twenty of the world's most famous literary figures.

Nicholson **Cal Ripken. The Quiet Hero**

A biography of the Baltimore Orioles player who has the longest running streak of unbroken games in professional athletics.

Paulsen * **Woodson**

This book might have been called, "My Dog Teams: How They Changed My Life."

Ray **A Nation Torn**

Story of how the Civil War began, told through letters, diaries, eyewitness accounts & photographs.

Rappaport **Escape From Slavery**

Five accounts of black slaves who managed to escape to freedom before the Civil War.

St. George

Sacagawea

The story of the Indian girl who served as a guide to Lewis and Clark in 1805. She was chosen to be on the new dollar coin.

Steger

Over the Top of the World

This is the story of explorers and their dog teams as they cross the top of the world on dog sleds.

Stevenson

Clara Barton, Founder of the American Red Cross

Learn about this famous woman whose home is right down the street from St. Barts in Glen Echo.

Szabo

Sky Pioneer: A Biography of Amelia Earhart

Life of the first female aviator who tried to circle the globe.

Wu

Coming to America

History of Chinese immigrants to the U.S.: why they came, what challenges they faced in the U.S.