



**Hingham Public Schools Summer Reading**  
**Students Entering Grade 6**  
**Summer 2020**

**Instructions:**

- All students entering grade 6 at Hingham Middle School are asked to read one of the selections from the following list.
- Please complete this [note-taking template](#) as you read your selected text.
- Please note that one title on the list is located in the public domain and is therefore readily accessible online at no charge.

**Grade 6 Choices (Select 1)**

Author	Title	Synopsis
Rob Buyea	<i>Because of Mr. Terupt</i>	It's the start of fifth grade for seven kids at Snow Hill School. There's...Jessica, the new girl, who's having a hard time fitting in; Alexia, a bully; Peter, class prankster and troublemaker; Luke, the brain; Danielle, who never stands up for herself; shy Anna, an outcast; and Jeffrey, who hates school. Only Mr. Terupt seems to know how to deal with them all. He makes the classroom a fun place...until the snowy winter day when an accident changes everything—and everyone. <b>Amazon.com</b>
Svetlana Chmakova	<i>Awkward</i>	On her first day at her new school, Peppi Torres trips into a quiet boy in the hall, Jamie Thompson, and the mean kids start calling her the “nerder girlfriend.” How does she handle this crisis? By shoving poor Jamie and running away! Even with new friends in the art club, Peppi still can't help feeling ashamed about the way she treated Jaime. To make matters worse, he's a member of her own club's archrivals - the science club! And when the two clubs go to war, Peppi realizes that sometimes you have to break the rules to survive middle school! <b>Amazon.com</b>
Kate DiCamillo	<i>Flora and Ulysses</i>	It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident that has unexpected consequences...From #1 <i>New York Times</i> best-selling author Kate DiCamillo comes a laugh-out-loud story filled with eccentric, endearing characters and featuring an exciting new format—a novel interspersed with comic-style graphic sequences and full-page illustrations, all rendered in black-and-white by up-and-coming artist K. G. Campbell. <b>Goodreads</b>
John Flanagan	<i>The Ranger's Apprentice</i>	15-year-old Will has been chosen as a Ranger's apprentice. What he doesn't yet realize is that the Rangers are the protectors of the kingdom and fight the battles before the battles reach the people. And as Will is about to learn, there is a large battle brewing. The exiled Morgarath, Lord of the Mountains of Rain and Night, is gathering his forces for an attack on the kingdom. This time, he will not be denied. <b>Amazon.com</b>
Ingrid Law	<i>Savvy</i>	Mibs' family all get special gifts upon turning thirteen. They learn about their Savvy. Mibs' brother Fish has a powerful effect on water, her brother Rocket is electric, and her Great Aunt Jules steps back in time. On her big day, Mibs' father is in a serious car accident and Mibs thinks her Savvy will be the ability to save lives. Mibs' Savvy is not what she thought, and en route to the hospital she learns something on a bus ride with a most unusual group of people. <b>Ezine Articles Review</b>

Madeline L'Engle	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	Meg's father, an eminent physicist, has been missing for two years. One night three strange old <i>Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress</i> women, Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who, and Mrs. Which appear. They take Meg, her little brother Charles Wallace, and their new friend Calvin to rescue Dr. Murray, a prisoner on a planet ruled by IT, a giant pulsating brain. Charles Wallace falls under IT's control, and when Meg finds her father, she must come to terms with a realization and find a way to rescue her family. <b>Common Sense Media Review</b>
C. S. Lewis	<i>The Magician's Nephew</i>	Digory and Polly set off on the adventure of a lifetime. The children soon find that they can enter many worlds through the mysterious pools in the Wood between the Worlds, where they encounter the evil Queen Jadis, who wreaks havoc in the streets of London when she is accidentally brought back with them. When they finally manage to pull her out of London, they find themselves in what will come to be known as the land of Narnia. <b>Goodreads.com</b>
Jack London	<i>Call of the Wild</i> ( <a href="#">public domain – free online</a> )	This is the story of Buck, a magnificent dog who is stolen from his idyllic life and sold for use on a Yukon dogsled team. His travels are not only of a physical nature, as he learns hard discipline from men who must discipline their dog teams, but his own journey back to his primordial roots in the frozen tundra - the roots of wolf. This amazing story of transformation is beautifully written and provides a glimpse of the hard life in the Yukon Territory during the 1900s. <b>Amazon.com</b>
Scott O'Dell	<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>	O'Dell was inspired by the real-life story of a 12-year-old American Indian girl, Karana. This remarkable young woman, during the evacuation of Ghalas-at (an island off the coast of California), jumped ship to stay with her young brother who had been abandoned on the island. He died shortly thereafter, and Karana fended for herself on the island for 18 years. <b>Amazon.com</b>
Pam Munoz Ryan	<i>Echo</i>	Lost and alone in a forbidden forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and suddenly finds himself entwined in a puzzling quest involving a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica. Decades later this harmonica becomes interwoven in the lives of Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California. Ultimately, pulled by the invisible thread of destiny, their suspenseful solo stories converge in an orchestral crescendo. <b>Amazon.com</b>
Jerry Spinelli	<i>Stargirl</i>	From the day she arrives at Mica High the hallways hum with the murmur of “Stargirl, Stargirl.” She captures Leo Borlock’s heart and sparks a school-spirit revolution. At first the students of Mica High are enchanted, but then they turn on Stargirl. In a celebration of nonconformity, Spinelli weaves an emotional tale about the perils of popularity and the inspiration of first love. <b>Random House Review</b>
Raina Telgemeier	<i>Smile</i>	Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after Girl Scouts she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth. What follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached. And on top of all that, there’s still more to deal with: a major earthquake, boy confusion, and friends who turn out to be not so friendly! <b>Amazon.com</b>
Jacqueline Woodson	<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>	Woodson shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s. Touching and powerful, each of her poems is emotionally charged, a glimpse into a child’s soul as she searches for her place in the world. Woodson’s poetry also reflects the joy of finding her voice through writing, despite the fact that she struggled with reading as a child. <b>Amazon.com</b>