

FCMS Summer Reading List for Upcoming 6th Graders



Title of Book	Author's Name	Description	Grade	Lexile Score
Elijah of Buxton	Christopher Paul Curtis	Historical Fiction: (2007)Eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American South in 1859, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom. 341 pgs.	6 th grade	1070
Millicent Min	Lisa Yee	Realistic Fiction : (2003) In a series of journal entries, eleven-year-old child prodigy Millicent Min records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother's departure, and make friends over the course of a tumultuous summer. 248 pgs.	6 th grade	800
Tunnels	Roderick Gordon & Brian Williams	Adventure Fiction: (2008) When Will Burrows and his friend Chester embark on a quest to find Will's archaeologist father, who has inexplicably disappeared, they are led to a labyrinthine world underneath London, full of sinister inhabitants with evil intentions toward "Topsoilers" like Will and his father. 472 pgs.	6 th grade	990
The Redheaded Princess	Ann Rinaldi	Historical Fiction: (2008) In 1542, nine-year-old Lady Elizabeth lives on an estate near London, striving to get back into the good graces of her father, King Henry VIII, and as the years pass she faces his death and those of other close relatives until she finds herself next in line to ascend the throne of England in 1558. 224 pgs.	6 th grade	750
Scat	Carl Hiasen	Realistic Fiction (2009): Nick and Marta are both suspicious when their biology teacher, the feared Mrs. Bunny Starch, disappears, and try to uncover the truth despite the police and headmaster's insistence that nothing is wrong. 384 pgs.	6 th grade	810
Go Home, or Go Big <i>*can be autographed during the author visit in November</i>	Will Hobbs <i>(our visiting author 2009)</i>	Science Fiction (2008) Fourteen-year-old Brady and his cousin Quinn love extreme sports, but nothing could prepare them for the aftermath of Brady's close encounter with a meteorite after it crashes into his Black Hills, South Dakota bedroom. 185 pgs.	6 th grade	700
The Puzzling World of Winston Breen	Eric Berlin	Mystery Fiction (2007) Winston Breen loves solving puzzles; and when his sister uncovers a twenty-five-year-old scavenger hunt--which leads to a ring worth thousands of dollars--he and his family jump at the opportunity to solve it. 215 pgs.	6 th grade	670
Football Genius	Tim Green	Sports Fiction (2008) Troy, a sixth-grader with an unusual gift for predicting football plays before they occur, attempts to use his ability to help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons, but he must first prove himself to the coach and players. 244 pgs.:	6 th grade	800
Jackie's Nine	Sharon Robinson	Nonfiction: (2001) Explores courage, justice, teamwork, citizenship, integrity, determination, persistence, commitment, and excellence through a collection of writings. 181 pgs.	6 th grade	1040