



6th Grade Summer Reading List

Required: *The Fellowship of the Ring* (ISBN: 0547928211) by J.R.R. Tolkien

Choose three books from the list below.

Ivanhoe (ISBN: 0140436588) by Sir Walter Scott

Thunderstorm in the Church (ISBN: 0836117409) by Louise A. Vernon

Enter Three Witches (ISBN: 0439711576) by Caroline Cooney

The Door in the Wall (ISBN: 0440227798) by Marguerite De Angeli

The Black Arrow (ISBN: 1519176562) by Robert Lewis Stevenson

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight (ISBN: 0345277600) verse translation by J.R.R. Tolkien

Challenge Books: (If you love to read and want more of a challenge, you may choose 2 from this list rather than 3 from above. Everyone is required to read *Fellowship*.)

Sword Song (ISBN: 0374469849) by Rosemary Sutcliff

Once and Future King (ISBN: 0441627404) by T. H. White

The Tragedy of King Richard III (ISBN: 0743482840) by William Shakespeare

During the first week of school, students will have 1-2 in-class assignments based on the required summer reading book. Have a fun summer reading these wonderful books!

Optional Viewing: Students will learn Joseph Campbell's motifs and archetypes of the mythic hero when we study Roger Lancelyn Green's *King Arthur* midyear. If a student has not viewed any of the Star Wars saga episodes I-VII, they should make it a priority to watch at least one of the movies before Christmas break in order to make meaningful connections. While not required, the movie(s) is/are a valuable application of mythic hero archetypes.