

**Summer Reading List:  
2006-2007  
Carencro Middle School**

6th grade list: Select two books and do the requirements for each book:

Book Information Requirements

Student Name  
Book Title  
Author  
Setting  
Characters  
Problem faced in the book  
Solution to the problem  
Number of pages

Titles

<p><u>A Year Down Yonder</u> Richard Peck</p> <p>Winner of the 2001 Newbery Award, A Year Down Yonder is the charming companion to Peck's 1999 Newbery Honor winner, A Long Way from Chicago. This time, Mary Alice regales us with tales of life with Grandma Dowdel during a long year spent in Grandma's "hick town," where no one is as modern, as sophisticated, or as clever as Mary Alice is.</p>	<p><u>The Last Book in the Universe</u> Rodman Philbrick</p> <p>In a world where most people are plugged into brain-drain entertainment systems epileptic teenager Spaz is a rare human being who can see life for what it really is. When he meets an old man called Ryter, he begins to learn about earth and its past. With Ryter as his companion, Spaz sets off on an unlikely quest to save his dying sister and in the process, perhaps the world.</p>	<p><u>The Thief Lord</u> Cornelia Funke</p> <p>Prosper and Bo are orphans on the run from their cruel aunt and uncle. The brothers decide to hide out in Venice, where they meet a mysterious character who calls himself the "Thief Lord." Brilliant and charismatic, the Thief Lord leads a ring of street children who dabble in petty crimes. Prosper and Bo relish being part of this colorful new family. But the Thief Lord has secrets of his own. And soon the boys are thrust into circumstances that will lead them, and readers, to a fantastic, spellbinding conclusion.</p>
<p><u>Light in the Forest</u> Conrad Richter</p> <p>Though reared as an Indian, fifteen-year-old True Son, was ordered back to the white man. It was impossible for True Son to believe that his people were white and not Indian. Where</p>	<p><u>Wringer</u> Jerry Spinelli</p> <p>In a realistic story invested with the intensity of a fable, nine-year-old Palmer faces his future as a wringer--one of the ten-year-old boys who strangle the pigeons wounded during</p>	<p><u>Artemis Fowl</u> Eoin Colfer</p> <p>Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is the most ingenious criminal mastermind in history. With two trusty sidekicks in tow, he hatches a cunning plot to divest the fairyfolk of their pot</p>

<p>did he belong now--and where could he go? This unforgettable story is about a white boy torn between the claims of blood and loyalty.</p>	<p>the town's annual pigeon shoot. Spinelli's story is honest but not without hope, not only in its conclusion, but in Palmer's friendship with the girl across the street, in the surprising discoveries he makes about his parents, and in his love for Nipper, the pigeon he shelters and eventually saves.</p>	<p>of gold.</p>
<p><u>Skellig</u> David Almond</p> <p>When Michael stumbles upon a stranger in his yard ("He was filthy and pale and dried out and I thought he was dead"), he brings him food and medicine; later, he glimpses wings growing from the man's shoulders. After Michael's newborn sister survives a serious illness, the stranger departs, leaving us with mysteries just beyond our grasp.</p>		<p><u>Crispin: The Cross of Lead</u> Avi</p> <p>"Asta's Son" is all he's ever been called. The lack of name is appropriate, because he and his mother are but poor peasants in fourteenth-century medieval England. But this thirteen-year-old boy who thought he had little to lose soon finds himself with even less—no home, family, or possessions. Accused of a crime he did not commit, he has been declared a "wolf's head." That means he may be killed on sight, by anyone. If he wishes to remain alive, he must flee his tiny village. All the boy takes with him is a newly revealed name—Crispin—and his mother's cross of lead. Winner of the 2003 Newbery Medal.</p>
<p><u>The Wanderer</u> Sharon Creech</p> <p>Thirteen-year old Sophie joins her uncles and male cousins on a perilous cross Atlantic sailing journey.</p>	<p><u>The Midwife's Apprentice</u> Karen Cushman</p> <p>Alyce rises from the depths of homelessness and namelessness to find a station in life--apprentice to the crotchety, snaggletoothed midwife Jane Sharp.</p>	<p><u>Midnight for Charlie Bone</u> Jenny Nimmo</p> <p>The fabulous powers of the Red King were passed down through his descendants, after turning up quite unexpectedly, in someone who had no idea where they came from. This is what happened to Charlie Bone, and to some of the children he met behind the grim, gray walls of Bloor's Academy. Charlie Bone has discovered an unusual gift-he can hear people in</p>

		photographs talking! His scheming aunts decide to send him to Bloor Academy, a school for genius's where he uses his gifts to discover the truth despite all the dangers that lie ahead.
	<p><u>One- Eyed Cat</u> Paula Fox</p> <p>This riveting and simply written adventure is about a minister's son who sneaks a rifle out of the attic and shoots at something in the dark.</p>	<p><u>Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key</u> Jack Gantos</p> <p>In this roller coaster of a ride, ingeniously and breathlessly narrated by young Joey Pigza, readers are treated to an up close and personal introduction to life with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, or being "wired," as Joey puts it. His forthright, kidlike commentary has an unaffected charm in this compelling tragicomedy.</p>
<p><u>Out of the Dust</u> Karen Hesse</p> <p>Like the Oklahoma dust bowl from which she came, 14-year-old narrator Billie Jo writes in sparse, free-floating verse. In this compelling, immediate journal, she reveals the grim realities of living during constant dust storms.</p>	<p><u>When Zachary Beaver Came to Town</u> Kimberly Willis Holt</p> <p>The summer of '71 brings a lot of change for some residents of the small town of Antler, Texas. Toby's mother leaves, his best friend Cal's brother is killed in Vietnam, and Zachary Beaver, self-proclaimed fattest-boy-in-the world, has arrived in town.</p>	<p><u>The View From Saturday</u> E.L. Konigsburg</p> <p>How on earth could a group of sixth-graders beat out team after team of seventh- and eighth-graders to become champions of the state Academic Bowl? The answer--believe it or not--involves sea turtles, a crazy wedding, chance meetings, and more. The delicious plot twists and quirky characters will propel this story straight into your heart.</p>
<p><u>Wrinkle in Time</u> Madeleine L'Engle</p> <p>Meg's father had been experimenting with time travel when he mysteriously disappeared. Now Meg and her brother must outwit forces of evil on a heart-stopping journey.</p>	<p><u>Sarah Bishop</u> Scott O'Dell</p> <p>Left alone after the deaths of her father and brother, who take opposite sides in the War of Independence, Sarah Bishop flees from the British who seek to arrest her and struggles to shape a new life for herself in the wilderness.</p>	<p><u>Silverwing</u> Kenneth Oppel</p> <p>A small bat's curiosity touches off a war of extermination against all his kind in this action-packed odyssey.</p>