

Elysian Charter School, Summer Reading List **4th Grade - 6th Grade**

Chapter Books

The Time Warp Trio series, Scieszka

Three friends have adventures as they travel through time.

All-of-a-Kind Family, Taylor

Five sisters greet their new baby brother on the old Lower East Side.

Amber Was Brave, Essie Was Smart, Williams

Two loving sisters help each other through a family crisis.

Baseball Fever, Hurwitz

Will Ezra's father let him play?

Brooklyn Doesn't Rhyme, Blos

Edwina Rose Sachs writes about her immigrant family in the early 1900s.

Double Fudge, Blume

Try all the books about Fudge.

Dracula Is a Pain In the Neck, Levy

Who is haunting Robert's sleep-away camp?

If I Only Had a Horn, Orgill

Young Louis Armstrong starts to play the blues.

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson, Lord

Shirley Temple Wong enters 5th grade in 1947 Brooklyn.

Liberty, Curlee

Travel with the statue from 19th century France to NY Harbor.

Poppy, Avi

A courageous mouse ventures into the forest to save her family.

Stuart Little, White

The classic story of a mouse in NYC.

Before We Were Free, Alvarez

Anita and her family face danger in the 1960s Dominican Republic.

Children of the Longhouse, Bruchac

A brother and sister in a 1400s Mohawk village make peace.

A Corner of the Universe, Martin

Hattie's small town life is turned upside-down when her uncle comes home.

Dave at Night, Levine

An orphaned boy discovers the exciting Harlem Renaissance.

Don't You Know There's a War On?, Avi

During WWII, Howie and his 5th grade class fight to save their teacher's job.

Fast Sam, Cool Clyde, and Stuff, Myers

The new kid on 116th Street makes friends.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Freedman

The extraordinary life of the 32nd president.

What To Do About Alice? How Alice Roosevelt Broke the Rules, Charmed the World, and Drove Her Father Teddy Crazy! by Barbara Kerley

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, Konigsburg

Claudia and her brother, Jamie, run away to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Harriet, the Spy, Fitzhugh

A 6th grader on the Upper East Side loses her private notebook and her friends find it.

Last Summer With Maizon, Woodson

Margaret faces 6th grade alone when Maizon goes to boarding school.

Malcolm X: By Any Means Necessary, Myers

A probing biography of a turbulent life.

My Side of the Mountain, George

Sam runs away to the Catskill Mountains.

The Pushcart War, Merrill

The pushcart peddlers face down the mighty truckers.

Remember Me to Harold Square, Danziger

On a scavenger hunt, Frank and Kendra go to museums, restaurants and Macy's.

The School Story, Clements

Natalie becomes a published author at age 12.

Slake's Limbo, Holman

Aremis Slake lives in the subway's underground tunnels.

So You Want to be a Wizard, Duane
A library book helps Nita fight bullies.

How Tia Lola Came to Stay, Alvarez
Miguel just wants to quietly fit in with the kids in his new home town in Vermont. Then his aunt Lola arrives from the Dominican Republic and paints the farm house purple.

Ruby Holler, Creech
13-year-old twins get a second chance when they go to live with an older couple in a place called Ruby Holler.

Zeely, Hamilton
Geeder spends the summer at her Uncle's farm and meets a woman who looks like a Watutsi queen.

Just Juice, Hesse
This is the story of a determined 9 year old with learning disabilities who helps hold her family together in a poor community in Appalachia.

Hoot, Hiaasen.
Roy is a middle school student living in Coconut Grove, Florida who finds himself involved with bullies, burrowing owls, and a whopper of a mystery. (Also try other books for children by this popular writer of books for adults.)

Everything on a Waffle, Horvath
After Primrose Squarp's parents disappear at sea, she spends an eventful year in British Columbia, awaiting their return.

Anastasia Krupnik, Lowry
The story of a ten-year-old girl who loves to make lists, provides a look into the world of growing up in a warm family.

Diary of A Wimpy Kid, by Jeff Kinney. A very popular short series.

Felita, Mohr
Felita lives with her strong and loving family from Puerto Rico. Will it be enough to help her settle into a new home in NYC?

Caddie Woodlawn, Brink
Caddie is 11, growing up in Wisconsin during the 1860's.

Bud, Not Buddy, Curtis
An orphan named Bud sets out to find his "famous musician" Dad in 1930's Michigan.

Jim Ugly, Fleischman.

Jake's father is dead, or is he? With the help of his father's dog, Jim Ugly, Jake sets out across the wild west to find out.

The Graveyard Book, by Neil Gaiman. 2009 Newbery Medal book.

Nory Ryan's Song, Giff.

Twelve-year-old Nory Ryan and her friends and family learn how to help one another and survive during the Potato Famine in Ireland.

The Clay Marble, Ho.

Twelve-year-old Dara and her family find themselves in a Cambodian refugee camp in Thailand in the early 1980's.

Snow Treasure, McSwigan.

A great adventure based on the true story of a group of Norwegian children who smuggled nine million dollars in gold past the Nazi's during World War II.

A Year Down Under, Peck.

Mary Alice spends the year of 1937 with her feisty Grandmother in this 2000 Newbery Medal winner.

The Twins, the Pirates, and the Battle of New Orleans, Robinet

This is an exciting story about runaway slaves who are 12-year-old twins.

A Jar of Dreams, Uchida.

This is the first of three novels about Rinko, a Japanese-American girl growing up in California in the 1930's.

The Town Cats and Other Tales, Alexander

This book includes eight stories featuring a chess-playing cat, a cat who becomes mayor for a day, and cats who outwit kings.

The Search for Delicious, Babbitt

Gaylen is sent on a quest to discover the true meaning of the word "delicious."

Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism, Byng

English orphan, Molly Moon, wins a talent competition which enables her to leave her miserable orphanage and travel to NYC.

Artemis Fowl, Colfer.

A twelve-year-old boy plots to steal the fairy folk's gold.

The Boggart, Cooper

The Volnik family inherits a castle in Scotland and brings back a Boggart, an ancient mischievous spirit who takes up residence in their computer.

The Witches, Dahl.

A brave young boy sets out to save the children of England from an uprising of witches.

The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, some Soup, and a Spool of Thread, DiCamillo.

The wonderful adventure of a mouse and a princess.

Island of the Aunts, Ibbotson.

Three children are kidnapped by a trio of eccentric women who need them to care for the various mermaids, selkies, and other magical creatures they rescue from harm.

Ella Enchanted, Levine.

Try this one - it's much better than the movie.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Lewis.

Four children go through a wardrobe to a land ruled by a wicked witch. One in the Narnia series.

The Castle in the Attic, Winthrop.

A castle comes to life when our hero steps into it.

The Wizard's Map, Yolen.

First book in "Tartan Magic" series. Tells of the Dyer children's visit to Scotland, a magic card game and an evil wizard.

Rapunzel's Revenge, by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale. Graphic novel untraditional version of Rapunzel.

Piper Reed: The Great Gypsy, by Kimberly Willis Holt. Second book about a Navy brat.

Well Witched, by Frances Hardinge. Deliciously creepy.

Poetry

Thirteen Moons on Turtle's Back: a Native American Year of Moons, Bruchac.
Each cycle of the moon is given its own legend in this group of 13 poems.

I, Too, sing America: Three Centuries of African-American Poetry, Clinton.

Latino Rainbow: Poems About Latino Americans, Cumpian.

American Sports Poems, Knudson.

Classic Poetry: an Illustrated Collection, Rosen.

Good Luck Gold and Other Poems, Wong.

