

Harry C. Sharp Elementary School

Summer Reading List

Before Entering Sixth Grade



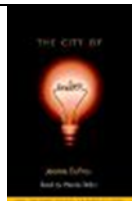
Angelberger: *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* c2010 *realistic fiction*
Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Includes instructions for making Origami Yoda.



Cushman: *The Ballad of Lucy Whipple* c1996 *historical fiction*
In 1849, twelve-year-old California Morning, who renames herself Lucy, is distraught when her mother moves the family from Massachusetts to a rough California mining town.



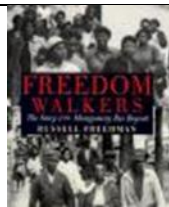
Di Camillo: *The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup and a Spool of Thread* c2003 *fantasy*
The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.



DuPrau: *City of Ember* c2003 *science fiction*
In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.



Fleischman: *Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini* c2006 *biography*
A biography of the magician, ghost chaser, aviator and king of escape artists whose amazing feats are remembered long after his death in 1926. Profiling his early years, personal life and great accomplishments in show business, the story of the famous magician, Harry Houdini, comes to life through a review of his greatest tricks and most amazing feats, complete with index, photos and author's notes.

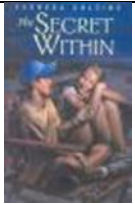


Friedman: *Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott* c2006 *narrative nonfiction*
Covers the events surrounding and including the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the end of segregation on buses.



Giff: *Nory Ryan's Song* c2000 *historical fiction*

When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive.



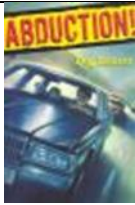
Golding: *The Secret Within* c2002 *realistic fiction*

Carly Chambers spends her summer days delivering mysterious packages for her harsh father but when she sneaks out at night to find some freedom, she faces danger from all sides.



Isaacs: *Torn Thread* c2000 *historical fiction*

In an attempt to save his daughter's life, Eva's father sends her from Poland to a labor camp in Czechoslovakia where she and her sister survive the war.



Kehret: *Abduction!* c2004 *realistic fiction*

Thirteen-year-old Bonnie has a feeling of foreboding on the very day that her six-year-old brother Matt and their dog Pookie are abducted, and she becomes involved in a major search effort as well as a frightening adventure.



Levine: *Hana's Suitcase: A True Story* c2002 *biography, narrative nonfiction*

A biography of a Czech girl who died in the Holocaust, told in alternating chapters with an account of how the curator of a Japanese Holocaust center learned about her life after Hana's suitcase was sent to her.



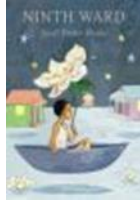
Lourie: *The Manatee Scientist: Saving Vulnerable Species* c2011 *nonfiction*

Scientists in Florida, West Africa and the Amazon Basin share information with the goal of protecting the docile and sometimes elusive manatee.



Potter: *Slob* c2009 *mystery, realistic fiction*

Picked on, overweight genius Owen tries to invent a television that can see the past to find out what happened the day his parents were killed.



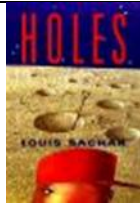
Rhodes: *Ninth Ward* c2010 realistic fiction

In New Orleans' Ninth Ward, twelve-year-old Lanesha, who can see spirits, and her adopted grandmother have no choice but to stay and weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina bears down upon them.



Ryan: *Esperanza Rising* c2000 realistic fiction

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.



Sachar: *Holes* c1998 realistic fiction

Stanley is falsely accused of a crime and ends up in a juvenile detention center where he is forced to dig holes every day. It is supposed to build his character, but he suspects there are ulterior motives.



Selznick: *The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures* c2007 historical fiction

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.



Smith: *Peak* c2007 realistic fiction, adventure

A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.



Spinelli: *Stargirl* c2000 realistic fiction

In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.



Vanderpool: *Moon over Manifest* c2010 historical fiction

Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up and where she hopes to find out some things about his past.
