

**SIXTH GRADE  
HILLSIDE SCHOOL  
SUMMER READING LIST  
2024**

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- 1) Each student is responsible for reading the Required Book for his grade, listed below.
- 2) Each student may select one to three titles from the list of suggested books. These are not required readings. Students who would like to add a title to their summer reading list should send a brief proposal to their English teacher.

**STUDENTS ENTERING SIXTH GRADE**

**REQUIRED: You must read the following:**

***21 Balloons by William Pène du Bois***

A story about a Professor named William Waterman Sherman, who sets off on a hot air balloon journey across the Pacific. His balloon crashes on the island of Krakatoa, where he discovers a society of 20 families living in luxury and comfort due to their invention of diamond mines.

**Suggestions for Additional Book Choices:**

**Holes by Louis Sachar**

A story about Stanley Yelnats, a boy who is sent to a juvenile detention center, Camp Green Lake, for a crime he did not commit. At the camp, the boys are forced to dig holes in the dry lake bed every day under the scorching sun as a form of punishment. As Stanley digs, he uncovers the history of the area and its connection to his own family. Through unexpected twists and turns, Stanley and his campmates discover the purpose behind the grueling digging and unearth secrets that have been buried for generations.

**Bud, Not Buddy by: Christopher Paul Curtis (*2000 Newbery Medal*) \***

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father - the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway.

**The Mysterious Benedict Society by: Trenton Lee Stewart \***

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

**A Single Shard by: Linda Sue Park (*2002 Newbery Medal*)**

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics.

***There's A Boy in the Girl's Bathroom* by: Louis Sachar \***

An unmanageable but lovable eleven-year-old misfit learns to believe in himself when he gets to know the new school counselor, who is a sort of misfit, too.

\*You may enjoy other books by this author or other books in this series