



Cherry Creek West Middle School 6th Grade Summer Reading List 2022

***Students will have one week to read the selection upon their return to the 2022-2023 school year but it is highly encouraged that they read this book before school begins. This is only a recommended list and students may choose a book to read that is not on the list.

Map of Flames (McMann, Lisa)

Five children who are the offspring of supernatural criminals and who have special abilities of their own leave their isolated tropical home and head to the city of Estero, where they hope to find their parents and the treasure they hid years ago.

A Kind of Spark (McNicoll, Elle)

Eleven-year-old autistic Addie is struggling with a new school year and a teacher who isn't sympathetic to her needs and often dismisses her. When she discovers the haunting history of her new town she sets out on a mission to persuade opinions about the past, and herself.

Ground Zero (Gratz, Alan)

September 11, 2001, New York City: Brandon is visiting his dad at work, on the 107th floor of the World Trade Center. Out of nowhere, an airplane slams into the tower, creating a fiery nightmare of terror and confusion. And Brandon is in the middle of it all. Can he survive -- and escape?

September 11, 2019, Afghanistan: Reshmina has grown up in the shadow of war, but she dreams of peace and progress. When a battle erupts in her village, Reshmina stumbles upon a wounded American soldier named Taz. Should she help Taz -- and put herself and her family in mortal danger. Two kids. One devastating day. Nothing will ever be the same.

Before the Ever After (Woodson, Jacqueline)

For as long as ZJ can remember, his dad has been everyone's hero. As a charming, talented pro football star, he's as beloved to the neighborhood kids he plays with as he is to his millions of adoring sports fans. But lately life at ZJ's house is anything but charming. His dad is having trouble remembering things and seems to be angry all the time. ZJ's mom explains it's because of all the head injuries his dad sustained. As ZJ contemplates his new reality, he has to figure out how to hold on tight to family traditions and recollections of the glory days, all the while wondering what their past amounts to if his father can't remember it. And most importantly, can those happy feelings ever be reclaimed when they are all so busy aching for the past?

Amari and the Night Brothers (Alston, B.B.)

Quinton Peters has been missing for six months -- no matter what anybody says, his sister Amari knows he's still alive -- and his top-secret job is the reason he's been away. Sure enough, Amari discovers that Quinton has arranged an interview for her to join the same line of work, which turns out to be the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs. Plunged into a parallel magical world, Amari must do her best to learn and succeed in this new reality.

Allergic (Lloyd, Megan Wagner)

Graphic Novel

Maggie is starting at a new school and feels lost in her bustling family. Hoping a dog will remedy the situation, her family takes a trip to the pet store on her birthday, only to discover that she's severely allergic to fur and feathers. Can Maggie outsmart her allergies and find the perfect pet?

Pahua and The Soul Stealer (Lee, Lori)

Among eleven-year-old Pahua Moua has been a bit of an outcast her whole life because of her ability to see and talk to spirits. While babysitting her younger brother one day, Pahua accidentally untethers an angry spirit at a local bridge who steals her brother's soul. Can Pahua use her abilities to help save her brother?

The Genius Under the Table: Growing up Behind the Iron Curtain (Yelchin, Eugene)

In this middle grade memoir, Russian American children's book author and illustrator Eugene Yelchin recounts his childhood growing up in communist Soviet Union. While his brother has talents that are readily appreciated by his parents, Eugene wonders what he will be as he doodles on the underside of the kitchen table in his family's tiny apartment. Alongside the humor of trying to be the national hero his parents want him to be, Eugene creates a picture of what life was like beneath the Iron Curtain.

Race to the Bottom of the Earth: Surviving Antarctica (Barone, Rebecca)

In 1910, Captain Robert Scott prepared his crew for a trip that no one had ever completed: a journey to the South Pole. He vowed to get there any way he could, even if it meant looking death in the eye. Then, not long before he set out, another intrepid explorer, Roald Amundsen, set his sights on the same goal. Suddenly two teams were vying to be the first to make history—what was to be an expedition had become a perilous race. In 2018, Captain Louis Rudd readied himself for a similarly grueling task: the first solo crossing of treacherous Antarctica. But little did he know that athlete Colin O'Brady was training for the same trek—and he was determined to beat Louis to the finish line. This gripping account of two history-making moments of exploration and competition is perfect for budding scientists, survivalists, and thrill seekers.