



## Hull Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Choices (For Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders)



It's time to start thinking about getting ready for middle school! Summer Reading has become a tradition for Hull students. Research shows that reading comprehension, verbal ability, and test scores increase as students read more.

Each student is responsible for reading **one** book from the following list. Students will read the book during the summer, and **complete the assignment on the back** of this sheet. The assignment will be due during the second week of school. Students should also expect a short reading comprehension **quiz** on the book. Also, during the first couple of weeks of school, you may be required to complete an **in-class assignment** for your language arts teacher using the book you read. Of course, you are **encouraged to read more than one book, but only one assignment is required.**

**PARENTS** - The list of titles has been created with a variety of reading levels and student interest in mind. Encourage your child to select a book that addresses a topic of interest. Also, please assist your child in selecting a book that fits his or her reading level. **BOOKS MAY BE FOUND ONLINE, AT LOCAL BOOKSTORES, AND AT LOCAL LIBRARIES. IF BOOKSTORES DO NOT HAVE THE BOOK, THEY CAN EASILY ORDER IT FOR YOU. DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE IN THE SUMMER.**

**Go Big or Go Home** by Will Hobbs - Brady gets up in the middle of the night to watch a meteor shower, but gets the surprise of his life when a meteorite crashes through his roof and hits his bed! Over the next few days, he starts to show some amazing superhero-like abilities. Could he be infected with a microbe from space? Filled with extreme biking, fishing, and caving (and even a giant catapult!) this is an exciting read that will leave you wondering about the skies above!

**Flipped** by Wendelin van Draanen - Have you ever wondered how boys and girls see things differently? *Flipped* alternates chapters between Bryce (who thinks Juli and her chickens are weird), and Juli (who flipped for Bryce the day they met in second grade). As they get older, each begins to see the other as a real person, not just someone to avoid or someone to have a crush on. Boys and girls will both enjoy this fun, realistic story.

**Gregor the Overlander** by Suzanne Collins - When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving humans, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy. The first of a five-book series, this is the choice for anyone who enjoyed Rick Riordan's *The Lightning Thief* series.

**The Anybodies** by N.E. Bode - Fern Drudger's parents are dull, dull, dull, and Fern can't figure out why she is so different from them. Then comes the day when she finds out she was switched at birth, and her real father comes for her. Both sets of parents agree to switch kids for the summer, and Fern begins her new life with her mysterious father, the Bone. He tells her that he is an "Anybody," which is a person who can change into someone or something else. The problem is that the Bone is not very good at being an "Anybody," and he needs Fern to help him find a way to improve his skills. Fans of **Roald Dahl** and **Lemony Snicket** will love this book.

**The Power of Un** by Nancy Etchemendy - How would you like to get a chance to fix your mistakes? Gib has an "unner," a machine that lets you go back in time and make different decisions. When his little sister gets hit by a truck, Gib has to figure out how to go back and fix one problem without creating many others. Will he be able to fix everything in time?!

**North** by Donna Jo Napoli - Tired of his mother's overprotectiveness and intrigued by the life of African American explorer Matthew Henson, twelve-year-old Alvin travels north and spends a season with a trapper near the Arctic Circle.

**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.

**I.Q. Book 1: Independence Hall** by Roland Smith -- Quest and his stepsister Angela are thrust into the dangerous world of the American Secret Service and the Israeli Mossad when they learn Angela's real mother was a former Secret Service agent who was killed by a terrorist group.

