

Roselle Park Middle School
Summer Reading List/Requirements
Students Entering 6th Grade
2011

Our summer reading curriculum offers students a diverse list of titles to choose from. All students entering 6th grade must read **one** of the books listed below. Although we encourage students to read more than one novel, they will not be awarded extra credit for additional novels. Students are required to complete the Reader's Response Journal and one project. **Grades for the assignments will account for 15% of the first marking period grade.** In addition, there will be a written assessment on the novel shortly after school begins. The Reader's Response Journal Template and the selected project (see attached) are due the first week of school. The titles on the list were chosen because they have proven to be of "high interest" to readers. Parents/guardians are advised to become involved with their son or daughter's choice of reading.

Those who will be entering 6th grade will choose one of the following titles to read:

FICTION

Swindle by Gordon Korman

Griffin Bing finds a Babe Ruth baseball card in a condemned mansion, only to be conned out of it by an unscrupulous collector. Griffin, always "The Man With The Plan," assembles a team of sixth graders to steal it back.

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

Esperanza is the richest girl in the town in Mexico because her father owns a huge ranch and earns a lot of money. But when her father is killed by bandits when he was traveling to buy some avocados at night, Esperanza and her mother are shocked. Esperanza and her mother run away to California to do field work. While working there, Esperanza learns what real life for Mexicans is like.

Travel Team by Mike Lupica

The main character, Danny, loves to play basketball and usually makes the team. One year he didn't make the team. He didn't know why. He always did. He found out the reason he didn't was because the coach wanted bigger kids this year. He couldn't believe it. His dad was the legendary Richie Walker. Richie decided to start another travel team for Danny.

NONFICTION

**Chew On This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food
by Eric Schlosser & Charles Wilson**

In this book the authors dish up a somewhat-less-stomach-churning look at the fast-food industry's growth, practices, and effects on public health. The authors follow with vivid tours through feedlots, abattoirs, and a chicken-processing plant to explore how fast food has achieved spectacular international success, particularly among an increasingly obese youth market, then round off with glimpses of Alice Waters' Edible Schoolyard initiative and other alternatives less

likely to lead to gastric bypass surgery. This book takes a good, hard look at fast food, what's in it, how it's made, and what it does to our bodies.

The Kid Who Invented the Popsicle and Other Extraordinary Stories Behind Everyday Things by, Don Wulffson

Factual stories of how various familiar things were invented, many by accident, some through trial and error make for a great informative read.

See attached Projects and Reader's Response Journal Template

Roselle Park Middle School Summer Reading 6th Grade Project Assessments & Reader's Response Journal

Each student will be given the opportunity to select one Project Assessment to complete on their choice novel. Although we encourage students to read more than one novel, they will only complete the assessment activity for one book. They will not be awarded credit for additional novels.

DIRECTIONS: Using any book from the Grade 6 Summer Reading List, complete **ONE** of the assignments below from the two options provided. You **must** also complete the attached Reader's Response Journal template. You may complete it in a notebook or make several copies of the template. We encourage you to complete your reading project in an organized, timely manner. **HAPPY READING!**

