

2023-2024 Rising 6th Grade
Summer Reading
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Required:

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls (Fiction); a children's classic novel about the love, loyalty, and adventures between a boy and his dogs. (Book level 4.9) **pdf link to online book:** https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qw0_tbtLtJFjfcikVI4Dh7zUghJqPC5/view?usp=sharing

Choose **one** of the following:

- ***Heaven is for Real*** by Todd Burpo (Narrative Non-fiction); a young boy describes his visions of heaven after a near-fatal illness. (Book level 6.3) https://www.amazon.com/Heaven-Real-Little-Astounding-Story/dp/0849946158/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=Heaven+is+for+real&qid=1618408004&sr=8-3
- ***Island of the Blue Dolphins*** by Scott O'Dell (Fiction); the story of a young girl stranded alone on an island for years reveals her courage, survival, and hope. (Book level 5.4) https://www.amazon.com/dp/0547328613/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_DHRFX23VHM4VN980QHE0
- ***Paperboy*** by Vince Vawter (Fiction); an 11 year old boy takes over his friend's newspaper route in Memphis, 1959. Through this experience he meets interesting people, faces challenges, and discovers coping strategies to deal with his stuttering. (Book level 3.7) https://www.amazon.com/dp/030793151X/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_WMB4087Y0H7EK3GZVR89

- ***Number the Stars*** by Lois Lowry (Historical Fiction); It's 1943 in Copenhagen, and a ten year old girl battles to be courageous as she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis. (Book level 5.4) https://www.amazon.com/dp/0547577095/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_WTTZHSGXNJ5AKHR4GRJG

Students will be tested on ***Where the Red Fern Grows*** and their summer reading choice (from above) during the first week of school. Please come to class prepared. I hope you have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to the new school year!