

# Summer Reading Requirements for Rising Sixth Graders 2020-2021

The reading program at Saint James Middle School is designed to encourage a life-long love of reading. Summer is an excellent time to enjoy a book!

Middle school readers have a wide variety of interests and reading levels. Students are more motivated to read when they can pick a book they find interesting and pleasurable to read.

This year for summer reading, rising sixth graders will have the freedom to choose from any book which meets all the following criteria.

1. Fiction
2. AR Test Exists
3. Book Level of 5 or higher
4. AR points of 5 or higher

**1. Fiction** - The literary concept of **setting** is an emphasis in the sixth grade curriculum. The setting of each student's summer reading book will be the basis of a writing activity in the fall. Fictional works are the best fit for this project.

**2. AR Test Exists** - Students will take an AR Test on their selected books in the first two weeks of school. To see if there is an AR Test on a book, search for the title on [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com). If a student has tested on a book previously at STJ, he/she may not test on it again.

**3. Book Level of 5 or higher** - Entries at [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com) include a Book Level (BL) for each book. This indicates a grade level rating based on word and sentence length. Many wonderful books fall below this level, but for Summer Reading, select a book with a BL of 5 or more.

**4. AR points of 5 or higher** - Entries at [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com) include an AR Points valuation for each book. This reflects the overall length of the book.

Sample Entry:

[The Clue of the Broken Locket](#)

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AR Quiz No. 5609 EN Fiction

IL: **MG** - BL: **5.4** - AR Pts: **5.0**

AR Quiz Types: **RP, VP**

Rating: ★★★★★