

6th Grade Required Reading 2020

All 6th graders are required to read three books total over the summer. Read one fiction of the two listed below, one book on the list by author Mitali Perkins, and one nonfiction book listed below.

Required books for incoming 6th graders:

(Fiction) ***Tiger, Tiger* by Lynne Reid Banks:** Discover what happens when two tiger cub brothers are taken from the wild to Ancient Rome. One to be the pampered pet of Emperor Caesar's daughter and the other becomes a man-eating "entertainment act" at the Colosseum. (*SLJ* and *Booklist* Reviews, *Publisher's Weekly* Starred Review,)

OR

(Fiction) Any book in the ***The Roman Mysteries Series* by, Caroline Lawrence:** Travel back to ancient Roman Empire during the reign of the Emperor Titus. Follow the adventures of four children who solve mysteries and have adventures in Rome, Greece, and beyond: Flavia, a Roman girl who lives in Ostia; Nubia, a slave girl from Africa; Jonathan, a Jewish boy; and Lupus, a mute beggar boy. Read all 17! (Classical Association Prize, *Jr. Library Guild* Selection, International bestseller, *Kirkus*, *Booklist*, *SLJ* Reviews)

AND

Choose on of these books by author Mitali Perkins: ***Bamboo People, You Bring the Distant Near, Monsoon Summer.***

AND

(Nonfiction) ***Bodies From The Ash* by, James Deem:** the year A.D. 79, an eruption of Mount Vesuvius effectively wiped Pompeii and Herculaneum. Hundreds of years later excavators were able to cast plaster molds in air pockets formed by bodies encased in lava and hardened ash. The resulting "mummies" not only capture the human tragedy of Vesuvius's eruption, but also provide valuable evidence about life, and death, in ancient Italy. (VOYA Honor List, Bank Street College Best of the Best, *SLJ*'s Best Children Book, CCBC Choice Award, Orbis Pictus Recommended)

OR

(Nonfiction) Any ***DK Eyewitness*** Book on: Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt, Ancient China, Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome.