

6th Grade Reading Suggestions
Skokie Middle School
2009-2010

Call #	Author	Title/Summary	Genre
FIC ABB	Abbott, Tony	<u>The Postcard</u> After his grandmother's death, Jason goes to Florida to clean up her house. There he discovers postcards that lead him on a quest to solve a mystery. Ultimately, this helps him to understand secrets of his family's past.	Mystery
FIC BAU	Bauer, Joan	<u>Peeled</u> Hildy Biddle is a reporter on her high school paper <i>The Core</i> . Ghosts and strange messages suddenly appear by an old, abandoned farmhouse, previously the site of a double murder. Just as suddenly, the new editor of the community newspaper seems to be capitalizing on the story. Hildy thinks that he is trying to use the story for his own purposes. She attempts to get to the bottom of the story and is challenged at every turn.	Realistic Fiction
FIC BEA	Beam, Matt	<u>Can You Spell Revolution?</u> The students are angry about the rules at Laverton Middle School, but it takes a new student to inspire them to revolt. Five students unite to study history and make changes at their school.	Realistic Fiction
FIC BIR	Birch, Beverly	<u>Rift</u> When four students and a journalist go missing during a camping trip in Africa, the police investigate.	Mystery
FIC BRI	Brittney, L.	<u>Nathan Fox: Dangerous Times</u> Nathan is a teenaged actor performing on the London stage when Sir Francis Walshingham approaches him. Walshingham is Queen Elizabeth's spymaster, and he sees great potential in Nathan. After training, Nathan is dispatched to Venice to serve his queen. Will he survive the grave dangers he faces?	Historic Fiction, Adventure
FIC COM	Compestine, Ying Chang	<u>Revolution is Not a Dinner Party</u> In this book, 1972 Chinese Cultural Revolution is seen through the eyes of 9-year-old Ling. Both her parents are doctors and her neighbors are affected, and Ling lives in fear.	Historic Fiction
FIC COO	Cooney, Caroline	<u>Code Orange</u> While researching smallpox for a report, a student fears that he has infected himself. He also worries that he might cause an epidemic in his New York City home.	Thriller

FIC GAI	Gaiman, Neil	<u>The Graveyard Book</u> After his family is murdered, the inhabitants of a cemetery raise Nobody Owens. He is protected as long as he remains in the graveyard.	Newbery Award, Fantasy
FIC GIL	Gilman, David	<u>Devil's Breath</u> By David Gilman First, Max Gordon survives an attempt on his life. Then he learns that his environmentalist dad is missing. He learns that they are both targets of a sinister plot. He must find his father and stop a conspiracy before it is too late.	Adventure
FIC GOR	Gordon, Roderick and Brian Williams	<u>Tunnels</u> 15 year old Will is just like his dad. They both love to dig for archaeological treasures. When they stumble on an abandoned train tunnel, they are confident that they've made a great discovery. However, then Dad disappears. Can Will find his father in the astounding world he discovers beneath his home?	Fantasy, Adventure
FIC HAD	Haddix, Margaret Peterson	<u>Palace of Mirrors</u> Cecilia knows that she is a princess. Since her parents were overthrown, Cecilia has been hidden and raised as a peasant. However, she is tired of hiding. She decides to go to the capital and claim her throne. There she discovers that other girls also are claiming to be the princess!	Fantasy
FIC HIA	Hiaasen, Carl	<u>Scat</u> When their biology teacher disappears during a field trip to a Florida swamp, two students investigate.	Mystery
FIC KEA	Keaney, Brian	<u>The Hollow Men</u> This fantasy thriller is set in a dark future. In this civilization, Dr. Sigmundus rules with an iron fist. All people who dream are locked away on the asylum island of Tarnagar. Two unusual children band together because they are united by a vision of a ruined city. Ultimately, they discover that the city is not a dream. Instead, it is a rebel stronghold. Can they escape the asylum and find the freedom to dream?	Science Fiction
FIC MUR	Murphy, Pat	<u>Wild Girls</u> When Joan moves to California in the 1970s, she meets Fox, an interesting girl. Her experiences teach her about friendship and the power of writing.	Realistic Fiction
FIC PAR	Parkinson, Siobhán	<u>Blue Like Friday</u> When Hal schemes to get rid of his mother's boyfriend, a strange consequence results.	Realistic Fiction
FIC REE	Reeve, Philip	<u>Here Lies Arthur</u> A bard uses a young girl to transform Arthur into the king of legend.	Legend

FIC ROY	Roy, Jennifer	<u>Yellow Star</u> Sylvia was only 4 years old when the Nazis forced her family into the Lodz Ghetto. This book recounts her experiences during World War II.	Historic Fiction
FIC SPR	Spradlin, Michael	<u>The Youngest Templar: Keeper of the Grail</u> Tristan, a 15 year-old boy, is selected to be a squire for a Templar Knight. When they go on the 1191 Crusade, Tristan becomes the target of his master's rival. This situation puts him in great peril. Eventually, he is put in control of a powerful relic, the Grail. It becomes Tristan's mission to get it to safety.	Historic Fiction, Adventure
FIC STE	Stead, Rebecca	<u>First Light</u> When Peter accompanies his father to Greenland, he begins having strange dreams. He is unaware of a parallel civilization existing beneath the ice. Almost below him, in a hidden community called Gracehope, a young girl named Thea is also experiencing peculiar dreams. When their visions drive them together, they struggle to understand themselves, their families and their destinies.	Science Fiction
FIC VEN	Venkatraman, Padma	<u>Climbing the Stairs</u> It is 1941, and Indian protestors are demanding their rights from their British occupiers. 15-year old Vidya's life is changed when her father is injured during a protest. She and her family must go to live with her conservative relatives. They treat her as a servant and limit her ability to pursue her dreams.	Historic Fiction
FIC ZIM	Zimmer, Tracie Vaughn	<u>The Floating Circus</u> 12-year-old Owen escapes the orphan train by joining a circus. This circus floats to towns on a riverboat. As he becomes a part of the circus, he comes into contact with slaves, entertainers and animals.	Historic Fiction
152.1 JAC	Jackson, Donna M.	<u>Phenomena: Secrets of the Senses</u> Learn about ESP, dreams and how senses affect the way we experience the world.	Non-Fiction
363.25 FRI	Fridell, Ron	<u>Forensic Science</u> Discover how criminal investigations utilize science to understand events and apprehend and prosecute criminals.	Non-Fiction
779 DEL	Delannoy, Isabelle	<u>Our Living Earth: A Story of People, Ecology, and Preservation</u> Using stunning aerial photography, this book reveals human impact on our planet.	Non-Fiction
920 COT	Cotter, Charis	<u>Wonder Kids: The Remarkable Lives of Nine Child Prodigies</u> Meet nine extraordinary people who showed exceptional talent at an early age.	Non-Fiction
920 FLE	Fleming, Candace	<u>The Lincolns: A Scrapbook Look at Abraham and Mary</u> Compare the Lincolns' backgrounds in this fascinating scrapbook that details their differences and their similarities.	Non-Fiction

