

Mrs. Ullrich's Suggested Summer Reading for 6th grade :

Alcott, Louisa May. **Little Women**, 1868.

The March sisters, Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy, experience joys and sorrows as they grow into young ladies in Nineteenth- Century New England.

Anderson, M.T. **Whales on Stilts**, 2005.

Meet Lily Gefelty, a girl who considers herself too boring to ever do anything interesting. The day she goes to work with her Dad on career day she realizes that her Dad is oblivious to the possible incongruities of his job as he works in a highly guarded, hightech, secret, scientific Lab in an abandoned warehouse, for a company that makes stilts for whales.

Birdsall, Jeanne **The Penderwicks**, 2005.

The four garrulous Penderwick sisters set off with their father and Hound the dog for three blissful weeks in the Berkshires in Massachusetts where they have rented a cottage, part of a rambling estate with a mansion. Their adventures include Jeffrey and his disapproving mother in a warm tribute to a memorable summer.

Black, Holly. **Spiderwick Chronicles – Book 1, the Field Guide**, 2003.

Three children and their mother move into Great-Aunt Lucinda's creepy old house. They find a mysterious poem and an old book – the mischief begins! ***series***

Borden, Louise. **The Journey that Saved Curious George**, 2005.

In the spring of, 1940 Hans and Margaret Rey who were both Jewish, bought bicycles, packed up a small pile of belongings and manuscripts of their children's books and rode out of Paris. They made their way finally to New York by way of Lisbon and Rio, where one year later their book, **Curious George**, was published.

Buckley, Michael **The Sisters Grimm: the Fairy Tale Detectives**, 2005.

Life has been difficult for orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm. They have been sent to live with Granny Relda who reveals that the girls have two famous ancestors, the Brothers Grimm. Now the girls take on the family responsibility of being fairy tale detectives because the classic book of fairy tales the Grimm's wrote is actually a history book that documents magical mischief. ****series****

Clements, Andrew. **Lunch Money**, 2005.

Sixth grader, Greg Kenton has decided that school is an excellent market for making money. He starts his own one-man operation, writing, illustrating, producing and selling his own comic books. A competitor and a principal's ban put him out of business.

Colfer, Eoin. **Artemis Fowl**, 2001.

Twelve- year old Artemis Fowl is the most ingenious criminal mastermind in history. With two trusty sidekicks in tow, he hatches a cunning plot to divest the fairy-folk of their pot of gold. ****series****

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Collins, Suzanne. **Gregor the Overlander**, 2003.

When Gregor's two-year-old sister, Boots, tumbles down an air duct in the laundry room of their apartment building, he leaps after her. The two wind up in Underland, a place inhabited by humans who have not been "Overland" in centuries, as well as giant-sized rat, bats and cockroaches. Gregor just wants to find a way home until he discovers that his father is a prisoner of the rats. As he searches for a way to free him and keep his sister safe, he finds he may indeed be the Overlander of prophecy. (First in the **Underland Chronicles**. Sequels: **Gregor and the Prophecy of Bane**, **Gregor and the Curse of the Warmbloods**, **Gregor and the Marks of Secret**, and **Gregor and the Code of the Claw**.)

Coulombis, Audrey. **The Misadventures of Maude March, or Trouble Rides a Fast Horse**, 2005.

After the death of the stern aunt who raised them since they were orphaned, eleven-year old Sallie and her fifteen-year-old sister escape their self-serving guardians and begin an adventure resembling those in the dime novels Sallie loves to read. (Sequel: **Maude March on the Run**.)

DiCamillo, Kate **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane**, 2006.

Edward Tulane, beloved companion of young Abilene, is a three – foot china rabbit that loves no one but himself. On an ocean voyage with Abilene he is accidentally thrown overboard. So begins Edward's odyssey as he experiences life, love and loss.

Funke, Cornelia Caroline. **Inkheart**, 2003.

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father Mo, a bookbinder, can "read" fictional characters to life when an evil ruler named Capricorn, freed from the novel "Inkheart" years earlier, tries to force Mo to release an immortal monster from the story.

Gutman, Dan **The Homework Machine**, 2006.

Four fifth- grade students – a geek, a class clown, a teacher's pet and a slacker, as well as their teachers and their mothers, each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.

Konigsberg, E. L. **The View from Saturday**, 1996.

Four students, with their own individual stories develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth grade class in the Academic Bowl.

L'Engle, Madeleine. **A Wrinkle in Time**, 1987.

The tesseract-touting Mrs Whatsit, Meg and Charles Wallace and their new friend Calvin O'Keefe embark on a perilous quest through space to find their father. In doing so, they must travel behind the shadow of an evil power that is darkening the cosmos, one planet at a time.

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Lupica, Mike. **Travel Team**, 2004.

After he is cut from his travel basketball team- the very same team his father once led to national prominence- twelve year – old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast- offs that might have a shot at victory.

Paulsen, Gary **Woodsong**, 1990.

For a rugged outdoor man and his family, life in northern Minnesota is a wild experience involving wolves, deer, and the sled dogs that make their way of life possible. This autobiography includes an account of the author’s first Iditarod, a dog sled race across Alaska.

Ritter, John. **The Boy Who Saved Baseball**, 2003.

The fate of a small California town rests on the outcome of one baseball game, and Tom Gallagher hopes to lead his team to victory with the secrets of the now disgraced player, Dante Del Gato.

Stewart, Trenton Lee **The Mysterious Benedict Society**, 2007.

When Reynis Muldoon, an 11 year – old orphan, responds to an advertisement in the newspaper for a “gifted child looking for Special Opportunities”, he finds himself part of a four – member team of child secret agents. Trained and supervised by a mysterious benefactor Mr. Benedict, the children embark on a mysterious adventure at a school run by a criminal mastermind bent on taking over the world.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. **Sammy Keys and the Search for Snake Eyes**, 2002.

When thirteen-year-old Sammy finds herself with an abandoned baby on her hands, she sets out to find the young mother, who may belong to a gang, and accidentally jeopardizes her position on the softball team. **** and series****

Yee, Lisa **Millicent Min: Girl Genius**, 2003.

In a series of journal entries, 11- year - old child prodigy Millicent records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother’s departure, and make friends over the course of a tumultuous summer.