

GRADE 6
SUMMER READING

Reading is an important lifelong skill which needs to be nurtured. We, your educators at O'Donnell Middle School, believe that summer reading helps to bridge the learning from June to September. In order to prepare for the new school year, incoming sixth graders are required to read ONE book this summer. The OMS has a limited number of copies of each book and they can be signed out at the office. The book can be the reader's choice from the list below.

All sixth grade students will be tested on their chosen book on September 17, 2016.

Far North by Will Hobbs

From the window of the small floatplane, fifteen-year-old Gabe Rogers is getting his first look at Canada's magnificent Northwest Territories with Raymond Providence, his roommate from boarding school. Below is the spectacular Nahanni River -- wall-to-wall whitewater racing between sheer cliffs and plunging over Virginia Falls. The pilot sets the plane down on the lake-like surface of the upper river for a closer look at the thundering falls. Suddenly the engine quits. The only sound is a dull roar downstream, as the Cessna drifts helplessly toward the falls . .

With the brutal subarctic winter fast approaching, Gabe and Raymond soon find themselves stranded in Deadmen Valley. Trapped in a frozen world of moose, wolves, and bears, two boys from vastly different cultures come to depend on each other for their very survival.

Lily's Crossing by Patricia Reilly Giff

When Lily meets Albert, a refugee from Hungary, during the summer of 1944, they begin a special friendship. However, Lily and Albert have both told lies, and Lily has told a lie that may cost Albert his life.

The Castle in the Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop

William has just received the best present of his life—an old, real-looking stone and wooden model of a castle, with a drawbridge, a moat, and a fingerhigh knight to guard the gates. It's the mysterious castle his housekeeper has told him about, and even though William is sad she's leaving, now the castle is his! William can't wait to play with the castle—he's certain there's something magical about it. And sure enough, when he picks up the tiny silver knight, it comes alive in his hand! Sir Simon tells William a mighty story of wild sorcery, wizards, and magic. And suddenly William is off on a fantastic quest to another land and another time—where a fiery dragon and an evil wizard are waiting to do battle. . . .

Optional Summer Reading Extra Credit Assignment
(Worth up to ten points of extra credit)

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Students should take notes over the summer as they read. Bring these notes in the day of the test and students will earn up to ten points of extra credit.

