

Chicago Public Schools 2003 Sixth Grade Recommended Reading

Folk Tales, Fairy Tales

- *Ask the Bones: Scary Stories from Around the World* by Arielle North Olson. 1999, Viking.
- *Can You Guess My Name? Traditional Tales Around the World* by Judy Sierra. 2002, Clarion Books.
- *How Animals Saved the People: Animal Tales from the South* by J.J. Reneaux. 2001, HarperCollins.
- *Moonbeams, Dumplings & Dragon Boats: A Treasury of Chinese Holiday Tales, Activities & Recipes* by Nina Simonds. 2002, Harcourt Brace.
- *More True Lies: 18 Tales for You to Judge* by George Shannon. 2001, Greenwillow Books.
- *Noodlehead Stories: World Tales Kids Can Read & Tell* by Martha Hamilton. 2000, August House.
- *Not One Damsel in Distress: World Folktales for Strong Girls* by Jane Yolen. 2000, Harcourt Brace.
- *Princesses are People, Too: Two Modern Fairy Tales* by Susie Morgenstern. 2002, Viking.
- *The Seven Dwarfs* by Etienne Delessert. 2001, Creative Editions.

Nonfiction

- *Airborne: A Photobiography of Wilbur and Orville Wright* by Mary Collins. 2003, National Geographic.
- *Airplanes* by Arlene Bourgeois Molzahn. 2003, Enslow.
- *Amazing Flights – The Golden Age* by Ole Steen Hansen. 2003, Crabtree.
- *Bessie Coleman: First Black Woman Pilot* by Connie Plantz. 2001, Enslow.
- *Black Eagles: African Americans in Aviation* by Jim Haskins. 1995, Scholastic.
- *Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul: 101 Stories of Courage, Hope and Laughter* by Jack Canfield. 1998, Health Communications.
- *Days of Jubilee: The End of Slavery in the United States* by Pat McKissack. 2003, Scholastic.
- *Earth Care: World Folktales to Talk About* by Margaret Read MacDonald. 1999, Linnet Books.

- *Feed the Children First: Irish Memories of the Great Hunger* by Mary E. Lyons. 2002, Atheneum.
- *Fields of Fury: The American Civil War* by James M. McPherson. 2002, Atheneum.
- *First to Fly: How Wilbur & Orville Wright Invented the Airplane* by Peter Busby. 2002, Crown.
- *Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women* by Catherine Thimmesh. 2000, Houghton Mifflin.
- *The Gymnastics Book: The Young Performer's Guide to Gymnastics* by Elfi Schlegel. 2001, Firefly Books.
- *Human Body Revealed* by Sue Davidson. 2002, DK Publishing.
- *Jenny: The Airplane That Taught America to Fly* by David Weitzman. 2002, Roaring Brook Press.
- *Peaceful Protest: The Life of Nelson Mandela* by Yona Zeldis McDonough. 2002, Walker.
- *Popcorn!* by Elaine Landau. 2003, Charlesbridge.
- *Project UltraSwan* by Elinor Osborn. 2002, Houghton Mifflin.
- *The Revolutionary John Adams* by Cheryl Harness. 2003, National Geographic.
- *Science Fair Success Secrets: How to Win Prizes, Have Fun, and Think Like a Scientist* by Bill Haduch. 2002, Dutton Books.
- *Secrets from the Rocks: Dinosaur Hunting with Roy Chapman Andrews* by Albert Marrin. 2002, Dutton Books.
- *Shelter Dogs: Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays* by Peg Kehret. 1999, Whitman.
- *The Signers: The Fifty-Six Stories Behind the Declaration of Independence* by Dennis B. Fradin. 2002, Walker & Co.
- *Sky Pioneer: A Photobiography of Amelia Earhart* by Corrine Szabo. 1997, National Geographic.
- *The Story of Flight* by Judith E. Rinard. 2002, Firefly Books.
- *Supercroc: And the Origin of Crocodiles* by Christopher Sloan. 2002, National Geographic.
- *To Fly: The Story of the Wright Brothers* by Wendie C. Old. 2002, Clarion Books.
- *Tomboy of the Air: Daredevil Pilot Blanche Stuart Scott* by Julie Cummins. 2001, HarperCollins.

- *Wings and Rockets: The Story of Women in Air and Space* by Jeannine Atkins. 2003, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.

Fiction

- *The Art of Keeping Cool* by Janey Taylor Lisle. 2000, Atheneum.
- *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman. 2002, HarperCollins.
- *Crispin: The Cross of Lead* by Avi. 2002, Hyperion Books.
- *Dancing in Cadillac Light* by Kimberly Willis Holt. 2002, Puffin Books.
- *The Doll People* by Ann M. Martin. 2000, Hyperion.
- *Double Fudge* by Judy Blume. 2002, Dutton Children's Books.
- *Everything on a Waffle* by Polly Horvath. 2001 Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *Fair Weather: A Novel* by Richard Peck. 2001, Dial Books.
- *Firewing* by Kenneth Oppel. 2003, Simon & Schuster Books.
- *Flipped* by Wendeli Van Draanen. 2001, Knopf.
- *Francie* by Karen English. 1999, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn* by Dorothy Hoobler. 1999, Puffin.
- *The Ghost Sitter* by Peni R. Griffin. 2001, Puffin.
- *Harriet Spies Again* by Helen Ericson. 2002, Delacorte Press.
- *Jim Ugly* by Sid Fleischman. 1992, Dell Books.
- *Joey Pigza Loses Control* by Jack Gantos. 2000, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *The Kite Rider* by Geraldine McCaughrean. 2002, HarperCollins.
- *Lost in the Labyrinth* by Patrice Kindl. 2002, Houghton Mifflin.
- *Mississippi Trial, 1955* by Chris Crowe. 2002, P. Fogelman Books.
- *The Red Rose Box* by Brenda A. Woods. 2002, Putnam.
- *Salsa Stories* by Lulu Delacre. 2000, Scholastic.
- *Samir and Yonatan* by Daniella Carmi. 2000, Levine Books.
- *The Sands of Time* by Michael Hoeye. 2002, Putnam.
- *See You Later, Gladiator* by Jon Scieszka. 2000, Viking.
- *Stand Tall* by Joan Bauer. 2002, Putnam.

- *Surviving the Applewhites* by Stephanie S. Tolan. 2002, HarperCollins.
- *The Thief Lord* by Cornelia Caroline Funke. 2002, Scholastic.
- *Time Stops for No Mouse: A Hermux Tantamoq Adventure* by Michael Hoeye. 2002, Putnam.
- *Trouble Don't Last* by Shelley Pearsall. 2002, Knopf.
- *Tulsa Burning* by Anna Myers. 2002, Walker.
- *What Would Joey Do?* by Jack Gantos. 2002, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *When the Circus Came to Town* by Laurence Yep. 2002, HarperCollins.

Poetry

- *Carver, A Life in Poems* by Marilyn Nelson. 2001, Front Street.
- *A Dime a Dozen* by Nikki Grimes. 1998, Dial Books.
- *Fearless Fernie: Hanging Out with Fernie and Me: Poems* by Gary Soto. 2002, Putnam.
- *Freedom Like Sunlight: Praisesongs for Black Americans* by J. Patrick Lewis. 2000, Creative Editions.
- *Heart to Heart: New Poems Inspired by Twentieth-Century American Art* by Jan Greenberg. 2001, H. N. Abrams.
- *Hoofbeats, Claws & Rippled Fins: Creature Poems* by Lee Bennett Hopkins. 2002, HarperCollins.
- *Loose Threads* by Lorie Ann Grover. 2002, M.K. McElderry Books.
- *Movin': Teen Poets Take Voice* by Dave Johnson. 2000, Orchard Books.
- *Perfect Harmony: A Musical Journey with the Boys Choir of Harlem* by Charles R. Smith, Jr. 2002, Hyperion Press.
- *Splash! Poems of Our Watery World* by Constance Levy. 2002, Orchard Books.
- *Things Will Never Be the Same* by Tomie De Paola. 2003, Putnam.
- *Whisper and Shout: Poems to Memorize* by Patrice Vecchione. 2002, Cricket Books.

The goal is for each CPS student to read at least 25 books each year.

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