



## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading List 2019-2020

All students must read the *Gospel of Matthew* in addition to *The Lion the Witch and The Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis. Students should also choose **one** additional book from the following list. Students will work on a project based on the summer reading during the first week of school.

### ***Savvy* by Ingrid Law**

A young girl eagerly waits for her savvy, a special gift that will come to her on her birthday. Her savvy proves to be more important than she realized when she and her siblings travel across country in a pink school bus.

### ***Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis**

A young boy goes off in search of family after his single mother dies. He joins up with a jazz band hoping that he has discovered his father.

### ***The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare**

A young boy survives in the wilderness with the assistance of a local Indian tribe. He and his friend experience danger and make choices that will affect them forever.

### ***Number the Stars* by Lois Lowery**

As the German troops begin their campaign to "relocate" all the Jews of Denmark, Annemarie Johansen's family takes in Annemarie's best friend, Ellen Rosen, and conceals her as part of the family.

### ***Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt**

Doomed to—or blessed with—eternal life after drinking from a magic spring, the Tuck family wanders about trying to live as inconspicuously and comfortably as they can. When ten-year-old Winnie Foster stumbles on their secret, the Tucks take her home and explain why living forever at one age is less of a blessing than it might seem. Complications arise when Winnie is followed by a stranger who wants to market the spring water for a fortune.

### ***The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burnford**

*The Incredible Journey*, by Scottish author Sheila Burnford, is a children's book first published which tells the story of three pets as they travel 300 miles through the Canadian wilderness searching for their beloved masters.

### ***Gentle Ben* by Walt Morey**

Gentle Ben is a bear character created by author Walt Morey and first introduced in 1965. The novel tells the story of the friendship between a large male bear named Ben and a boy named Mark.

### ***Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell**

*Island of the Blue Dolphins* is a 1960 children's novel written by Scott O'Dell and tells the story of a young girl stranded alone for years on an island off the California coast. For eighteen years, she learns how to survive using innovative techniques and an abundance of courage.

### ***Sounder* by William Armstrong**

A young adult novel by William H. Armstrong, published in 1969. It is the story of an African-American boy living with his sharecropper family. Although the family's difficulties increase when the father is imprisoned for stealing a ham from work, the boy still hungers for an education.

### ***Amos Fortune, Free Man* by Elizabeth Yates**

*Amos Fortune, Free Man* is a biographical novel by Elizabeth Yates that won the Newbery Medal for excellence in American children's literature in 1951. It is about a young African prince who is captured and taken to America as a slave.