

Beaumont Middle School
Summer Reading List
Grade 6

All students who will be attending Beaumont Middle School in the sixth grade are required to read three books over the summer. Please choose from the books listed below. These books can be found at the Lexington Public Library and local book stores. Upon returning to school from summer break, students will be tested over the books that they have read.

1. **The Adventures of Tom Sawyer** – Mark Twain
A classic adventure about the boyhood pranks and schooldays of the main character, Tom Sawyer, on the American frontier.
2. **The Agony of Alice** – Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
The book revolves around eleven-year-old Alice McKinley trying to find a role model since her mother has been dead for years and her father and 19-year-old brother know nothing about being a girl.
3. **Alanna: The First Adventure** – Tamora Pierce
A fantasy fiction book that details the life of Alanna of Trebond and her magical healing powers.
4. **Anne of Green Gables** – Lucy Maud Montgomery
This classic book details the life of a lively young orphan girl who delights her new home and community with her spirit and imagination.
5. **Bell Prater's Boy** – Ruth White
After the disappearance of his mother, Woodrow is sent to live with his grandparents in Virginia. Woodrow and his cousin, Gypsy, become best friends during their sixth-grade year. They are drawn together by the absence of a loved parent.
6. **Harris and Me: A Summer Remembered** – Gary Paulsen
An entertaining book about an eleven-year-old boy's summer on his aunt and uncle's farm. Gary and his cousin, Harris, spend their days filled with crazy adventures such as wrestling slippery pigs, catching mice, and jumping out of a barn loft.
7. **Miracle's Boys** – Jacqueline Woodson
Three brothers deal with the challenges of growing up in New York City without parents. This is an insightful realistic fiction book about grief, family, and hope.

8. **The Phantom Tollbooth** – Norton Juster
The main character, Milo, travels beyond the Phantom Tollbooth and discovers a strange land filled with odd adventures. Along the way, Milo tries to settle the war between words and numbers.
9. **Soul Surfer** – Bethany Hamilton
This nonfiction book details the astonishing story of a thirteen-year-old surfer girl who lost her arm in a shark attack and her amazing return to competitive surfing.
10. **Swear to Howdy** – Wendelin Van Draanen
A realistic fiction book about the friendship between two boys torn apart by a big, terrible secret.
11. **The Wanderer** – Sharon Creech
Thirteen-year-old Sophie and her cousin Cody record their transatlantic crossing aboard the Wanderer, a forty-five foot sailboat, which is on the way to visit their grandfather in England.
12. **The Witch of Blackbird Pond** – Elizabeth George Speare
A young girl rebels against bigotry, which culminates in a witch-hunt and a breathtaking trial.
13. **The Wizard of Oz** – L. Frank Baum
After being transported by a cyclone to the land of Oz, Dorothy and her dog are befriended by a scarecrow, a tin man, and a cowardly lion, who accompany her to the Emerald City to search for a wizard who can help Dorothy return home to Kansas.