

Vanguard Classical School

Required Summer Reading List

Students entering 6th grade must read one book from each category:

Fiction	Non-fiction	Classical
Blackwood, Gary <i>The Shakespeare Stealer</i> 1998 historical fiction/mystery Widge, a likeable orphan, finds himself in the middle of an adventure to steal and copy the play <i>Hamlet</i> from Shakespeare. He soon discovers that life in the Globe Theatre is much better than the other places he has apprenticed. Lexile = 840	Curlee, Lynn. <i>Seven Wonders of the Ancient World</i> . What purpose did these structures have for the societies that built them? Lexile= 950	Verne, Jules. <i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</i> . Scientist Pierre Aronnax set out on an expedition to find a strange sea monster. They are captured by Captain Nemo and taken aboard a submarine as prisoners. Lexile= 540
Funke, Cornelia. <i>Inkheart</i> 2003 <i>fantasy</i> . A girl and her father, a bookbinder who can “read” fictional characters into real life, are abducted by one of the characters. He tries to force them into his service. Lexile=780	Jackson, Ellen. <i>The Mysterious Universe: Supernovae, Dark Energy, and Black Holes</i> . Houghton Mifflin, 2008. A fascinating and mysterious look at the universe with beautiful photographs, this book discusses various space phenomena. Lexile=1060	Dickens, Charles. <i>Oliver Twist</i> . An orphan finds the streets of Victorian-era London cruel and harsh. Lexile= 800

After reading each book your student will write a two-paragraph summary including important details of the story.

All three summaries are due on the first day of school. Happy Reading!