6th Grade Summer Reading 2018
Choose two of these awesome books to read over the summer!

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**I Lived On Butterfly Hill by Marjorie Agosín** (Fiction)

Celeste Marconi lives in peaceful Valparaiso, Chile—until warships are spotted in the harbor, and schoolmates start disappearing from class. The new government declares that artists, protestors, and anyone who helps the needy is “subversive” and dangerous to Chile’s future. Celeste’s parents must go into hiding, but before they do, they send Celeste to America. As Celeste adapts to her new life in Maine, she never stops dreaming of Chile.

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**El Deafo by Cece Bell** (Graphic Novel)

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful—and very awkward—hearing aid.

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**Giant Squid: Searching for a Sea Monster by Mary M. Cerullo** (Nonfiction)

This sea monster is real. It lurks in the freezing black depths of underwater canyons. Nearly 50 feet long, it hunts with its long arms and tentacles. Its powerful suckers leave giant round scars on those that live through a battle with it. But this enormous beast, with its huge, strange eyes, remains hidden from humans. We rarely see it and know little of its ways. What is this monster? The giant squid.

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**Zebra Forest by Aidina Reishe Gerwitz** (Fiction)

Annie and her brother, Rew, know one thing about their father: he was killed in a fight with a man who was sent away. Annie and Rew, who live with their Gran, spend their days in Zebra Forest, telling stories about their father the pirate, or pilot, or secret agent. But something shocking happens to unravel their stories: a rattling at the back door, an escapee from the prison holding them hostage in their own home, four lives that will never be the same.

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**Small As An Elephant by Jennifer Richard Jacobs** (Fiction)

Ever since Jack can remember, his mom has been unpredictable, but he never thought his mom would take off during the night and leave him at Acadia National Park with no way to reach her and barely enough money for food. Any other kid would report his mom gone, but Jack knows that he needs to figure things out for himself—starting with how to get from the backwoods of Maine to his home in Boston.
Middle School: The Worst Years Of My Life by James Patterson (Fiction)

Rafe Khatchadorian has enough problems without throwing his first year of middle school into the mix. But he has for the best year ever, if he can pull it off: With his best friend Leonardo the Silent, Rafe tries to break every rule in his school's oppressive Code of Conduct. But when Rafe's game starts to catch up with him, he'll have to decide if winning is all that matters, or if he's finally ready to face the rules, bullies, and truths he's been avoiding.

The Red Pencil by Andrea Davis Pinkney (Novel in Verse)

Finally, Amira is twelve. Old enough for new responsibilities, and maybe old enough to go to school in Nyala--Amira's dream. But life in her peaceful Sudanese village is shattered when the Janjaweed arrive. The terrifying attackers ravage the town and unleash unspeakable horrors. After she loses nearly everything, Amira needs to dig deep within herself to find the strength to make the long journey — on foot — to safety at a refugee camp. Her days are tough at the camp, until the gift of a simple red pencil opens her mind — and all kinds of possibilities.

Science Comics: Dinosaurs by MK Reed & Joe Flood (Graphic/Nonfiction)

Every volume of Science Comics offers an introduction to a science topic. These gorgeously illustrated graphic novels offer entertaining views of their subjects. In Dinosaurs, learn about the history of paleontology! This look at dinosaur science covers the last 150 years of dinosaur hunting, and shows how our ideas about dinosaurs have changed--and continue to change.

Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard: The Sword of Summer by Rick Riordan (Fiction)

Magnus Chase has seen his share of trouble, living on the streets of Boston. One day, he's tracked down by an uncle, a man his mother claimed was dangerous. His uncle tells him that he is the son of a Norse god. The gods of Asgard are preparing for war. To prevent Ragnarok, Magnus must search the Nine Worlds for a weapon that has been lost for thousands of years. When an attack by fire giants forces him to choose between his own safety and the lives of hundreds of innocents, Magnus makes a fatal decision.

Now Is The Time for Running by Michael Williams (Fiction)

Just down the road from their families, Deo and his friends play soccer in the dusty fields of Zimbabwe, cheered on by Deo's older brother, Innocent. It is a day like any other . . . until the soldiers arrive and Deo and Innocent are forced to run for their lives, fleeing their village. Along the way, they face the prejudice and poverty, and must rely on the kindness of people they meet to make it through. But when tragedy strikes, Deo's love of soccer is all he has left. Can he use that gift to find hope once more?