

## “Connections and Explorations”--Grade 6 Summer Reading 2009—Gideon Welles School

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<p><u>Attack of the Turtle</u> (Historical fiction) Nutmeg 2010 Young patriot, Nathan Wade, helps his cousin David Bushnell test a new invention, a small submarine known as the Turtle.</p>	<p>Carlson, Drew</p>	<p><u>Bushnell’s Submarine</u> (biography) by Arthur Lefkowitz ; any non-fiction book on the Revolutionary War, submarines, inventors or inventions <u>So You Want to be an Inventor</u> (Small) <u>Girls Think of Everything</u> (Thimmesh)</p>
<p><u>Paint the Wind</u> (Realistic fiction) (Nutmeg 2010) Orphaned Maya leaves the restricted home of her grandmother to stay with her mother’s family on a ranch in Wyoming.</p>	<p>Ryan, Pam Munoz</p>	<p><u>Wild Horses: Galloping Through Time</u> by Kelly Halls any factual book about horses, living on a ranch, Wyoming, endangered animals ...</p>
<p><u>Sand Dollar Summer</u> (Realistic fiction) Lise and her younger brother spend a summer on the Maine coast as their mother recuperates from a serious auto accident. Lise is afraid of the ocean and what lies below.</p>	<p>Jones, Kimberly</p>	<p>Beaches: <u>Tracking Trash</u> (Burns) ; Foods: <u>It’s Disgusting and We Ate It!</u> (Solheim) ; any non-fiction book about the sea (seashells, sea creatures, hurricanes...); Autobiography: <u>Small Steps; the Year I Got Polio</u> by Peg Kehret (overcoming physical challenges)</p>
<p><u>A Dog’s Life</u> (Nutmeg 2010) (Animal Fiction) A stray puppy named Squirrel relates her story, detailing her experiences with busy highways, humans and “friends”.</p>	<p>Martin, Ann</p>	<p><u>The Right Dog for the Job</u> by Dorothy Patent ; any non-fiction book about dogs, animal rescue, veterinarians, choosing or caring for a pet; <u>What is My Dog Thinking</u> by Gwen Bailey</p>
<p><u>Fever 1793</u> (Historical fiction) As yellow fever spreads throughout the city of Philadelphia, Mattie must save her family.</p>	<p>Anderson, Laurie</p>	<p><u>Yellow Fever: An American Plague</u> (Murphy) ; any factual book about fighting diseases, epidemics, the history of medicine...</p>

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<p><u>Nory Ryan’s Song</u> (Historical fiction) The story of the Irish potato famine is told by a young immigrant girl.</p>	Giff, Patricia Reilly	<p>Any factual book on immigration such as: <u>Immigrant Kids</u> (Freedman) ; Irish Potato Famine: <u>Black Potatoes</u> (Bartoletti) <u>Feed the Children First</u> (Lyons)</p>
<p><u>Swindle</u> (Adventure) After losing his valuable baseball card to a mean antiques dealer, Griffin puts together a team to steal back the card. A menacing guard dog is only one setback they face.</p>	Korman, Gordon	<p>Baseball: <u>The Legend of the Curse of the Bambino</u> (Shaughnessy) ; any non-fiction book about baseball, dogs and dog training, solving crimes ; collections and hobbies (baseball cards...)</p>
<p><u>Getting Air</u> (Adventure) Jimmy and his friends are on their way to California where they plan to do some major skateboarding. Their plans change drastically when their plane is hijacked by terrorists.</p>	Gutman, Dan	<p>Any non-fiction book about skateboarding ( how to make your own skateboard, do tricks, extreme skateboarding...); <u>Transworld Skateboarding Magazine</u> (or any other magazine on the topic) any factual book about terrorism</p>
<p><u>The Lightning Thief</u> (Fantasy) Percy Jackson is the son of a human and a god. When Zeus’s master lightning bolt is stolen, Percy is suspected and his life in danger.</p>	Riordan, Rick	<p>Any non-fiction book on mythology, Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome Search “mythology” on <a href="http://www.kidsclick.org/">http://www.kidsclick.org/</a> for some great information about gods and goddesses</p>

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