

## Sixth Grade Reading List

**\*THE ESCAPE FROM HOME: BEYOND THE WESTERN SEA : BOOK 1 by Avi. The story of two young, Irish peasant children, trying to escape a country of famine and the greed of English landlords in 1851.**

Lord Kirkle's Money Beyond the Western Sea :Book 2 by Avi. After escaping the poverty and danger in Ireland, two young immigrant children continue their voyage to the New World.

The Giver by Lois Lowry. A science fiction tale of a young boy who lives in a controlled world and how he escapes from his predestined life.

True North by Kathryn Lasky A novel about the lives of two young girls, one a runaway slave and the other a part of the high society of the times how their lives are intertwined through their discovery and involvement in the Underground Railroad.

Red Scarf Girl by Ji-Li Jiang. A biography of the life of a twelve year old girl in Communist China and how the world as she knew it fell apart during the Cultural Revolution under the leadership of Mao Zedong.

The Pushcart War by Jean Merrill. The definitive history of New York's war between the pushcarts and the trucks. A hilarious satire on almost every conceivable aspect of modern urban life.

The Superlative Horse, An Story of Ancient China by Jean Merrill. An allegorical tale from ancient China.

The King's Day: Louis XIV of France Easy and enjoyable rewarding about a day in the life of the French king.

The Wide Blue Road by Marian Campbell. Set in 1263, this tells tales of Norman, Scottish, and Norse legends.

My Path to Heaven by Geoffrey Bliss, SJ. A "retreat in a book" that helps children ponder the truths of the faith and calls them to live lives of holiness in accordance with those truths.

Door in the Wall by Marguerite De Angeli. A handicapped boy in 14<sup>th</sup> Century England proves his courage and earns recognition from the king.

Old Yeller, Savage Sam, Little Arliss by Fred Gipson. These three books tell story of the Coates family and life on the Texas frontier after the Civil War.

Give Me Liberty by L. M. Elliot Thirteen year old Nathaniel Dunn, an indentured servant, meets a kind schoolmaster, who introduces him to music, books and philosophies that open his mind to new attitudes about equality. Set in 1775, at the time when Patrick Henry's words of "give me liberty or give me death" become a call to action, Nathaniel faces choices as he struggles with the meaning of liberty in a country reliant on indentured servants and slaves.

Antartica by Peter Lerangis. In 1909, a secret American expedition was made to discover the South Pole.

**\* Required Reading**