




**Hingham Public Schools Summer Reading
Students Entering Grade 6
Summer 2021**

Instructions:

- All students entering grade 6 at Hingham Middle School are required to read the book *The Red Bandanna* by Tom Rinaldi (Young Readers Adaptation). **In grade 6 only** students are *encouraged* but *not required* to read additional selections from the list of choices.
- Please complete [this note-taking template](#) for *The Red Bandanna* and turn it in to your ELA teacher by Friday, September 10, 2021.

All-School Read		
Author	Title	Synopsis
Tom Rinaldi	<p><i>The Red Bandanna</i> (Young Readers Adaptation)</p>  <p>Required for all students 6-8</p>	<p>On September 11, 2001, Welles was at his job on the 104th floor of the South Tower of the World Trade Center when the Twin Towers were attacked. What he did next would alter the course of many lives. That day, the legend of the Man in the Red Bandanna was born. Award-winning ESPN reporter Tom Rinaldi brings Welles’s inspirational story of selflessness and compassion to life in this young readers’ adaptation of his <i>New York Times</i> bestselling book. Amazon.com</p>
Grade 6 Choices		
Rob Buyea	<i>Because of Mr. Terupt</i>	<p>It’s the start of fifth grade for seven kids at Snow Hill School. There’s...Jessica, the new girl, who’s having a hard time fitting in; Alexia, a bully; Peter, class prankster and troublemaker; Luke, the brain; Danielle, who never stands up for herself; shy Anna, an outcast; and Jeffrey, who hates school. Only Mr. Terupt seems to know how to deal with them all. He makes the classroom a fun place...until the snowy winter day when an accident changes everything—and everyone. Amazon.com Review</p>
Svetlana Chmakova	<i>Awkward</i>	<p>On her first day at her new school, Peppi Torres trips into a quiet boy in the hall, Jamie Thompson, and the mean kids start calling her the “nerder girlfriend.” How does she handle this crisis? By shoving poor Jamie and running away! Even with new friends in the art club, Peppi still can’t help feeling ashamed about the way she treated Jaime. To make matters worse, he’s a member of her own club’s archrivals - the science club! And when the two clubs go to war, Peppi realizes that sometimes you have to break the rules to survive middle school! Amazon.com product description</p>
Kate DiCamillo	<i>Flora and Ulysses</i>	<p>It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident that has unexpected consequences...From #1 <i>New York Times</i> best-selling author Kate DiCamillo comes a laugh-out-loud story filled with eccentric, endearing characters and featuring an exciting new format—a novel interspersed with comic-style graphic sequences and full-page illustrations, all rendered in black-and-white by up-and-coming artist K. G. Campbell. Goodreads Review</p>

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John Flanagan	<i>The Ranger's Apprentice</i>	15-year-old Will has been chosen as a Ranger's apprentice. What he doesn't yet realize is that the Rangers are the protectors of the kingdom and fight the battles before the battles reach the people. And as Will is about to learn, there is a large battle brewing. The exiled Morgarath, Lord of the Mountains of Rain and Night, is gathering his forces for an attack on the kingdom. This time, he will not be denied... Amazon.com Review
Ingrid Law	<i>Savvy</i>	Mibs' family all get special gifts upon turning thirteen. They learn about their Savvy. Mibs' brother Fish has a powerful effect on water, her brother Rocket is electric, and her Great Aunt Jules steps back in time. On her big day, Mibs' father is in a serious car accident and Mibs thinks her Savvy will be the ability to save lives. Mibs' Savvy is not what she thought, and en route to the hospital she learns something on a bus ride with a most unusual group of people. Ezine Articles Review
Madeleine L'Engle	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	Meg's father, an eminent physicist, has been missing for two years. One night three strange old women, Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who, and Mrs. Which appear. They take Meg, her little brother Charles Wallace, and their new friend Calvin to rescue Dr. Murray, a prisoner on a planet ruled by IT, a giant pulsating brain. Charles Wallace falls under IT's control, and when Meg finds her father, she must come to terms with a realization and find a way to rescue her family. Common Sense Media Review
C. S. Lewis	<i>The Magician's Nephew</i>	Digory and Polly set off on the adventure of a lifetime. The children soon find that they can enter many worlds through the mysterious pools in the Wood between the Worlds, where they encounter the evil Queen Jadis, who wreaks havoc in the streets of London when she is accidentally brought back with them. When they finally manage to pull her out of London, they find themselves in what will come to be known as the land of Narnia. Goodreads.com
Scott O'Dell	<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>	O'Dell was inspired by the real-life story of a 12-year-old American Indian girl, Karana. This remarkable young woman, during the evacuation of Ghalas-at (an island off the coast of California), jumped ship to stay with her young brother who had been abandoned on the island. He died shortly thereafter, and Karana fended for herself on the island for 18 years. Amazon.com Review
Pam Munoz Ryan	<i>Echo</i>	Lost and alone in a forbidden forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and suddenly finds himself entwined in a puzzling quest involving a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica. Decades later this harmonica becomes interwoven in the lives of Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California. Ultimately, pulled by the invisible thread of destiny, their suspenseful solo stories converge in an orchestral crescendo. Amazon.com Review
Jerry Spinelli	<i>Stargirl</i>	From the day she arrives at Mica High the hallways hum with the murmur of "Stargirl, Stargirl." She captures Leo Borlock's heart and sparks a school-spirit revolution. At first the students of Mica High are enchanted, but then they turn on Stargirl. In a celebration of nonconformity, Spinelli weaves an emotional tale about the perils of popularity and the inspiration of first love. Random House Review
Raina Telgemeier	<i>Smile</i>	Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after Girl Scouts she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth. What follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery, headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth. On top of all that, there's still more: a major earthquake, boy confusion, and friends who turn out to be not so friendly! Amazon.com Review
Jacqueline Woodson	<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>	Woodson shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s. Touching and powerful, each of her poems is emotionally charged, a glimpse into a child's soul as she searches for her place in the world. Woodson's poetry also reflects the joy of finding her voice through writing, despite the fact that she struggled with reading as a child. Amazon.com Review