

Bourne Middle School  
Summer Reading Program **Sixth** Grade Reading List 2010

You are required to read two (2) books from this list:

1. **Lightening Thief Series** by Rick Riordan  
(You may pick any volume of your choice.)
2. **Heat** by Mike Lupica  
Michael Arroyo has a dream of pitching in the Little League World Series and has a great pitching arm. Newly orphaned after his father led the family's escape from Cuba, Michael faces many obstacles. A baseball and coming-of-age story worth cheering for.
3. **Olive's Ocean** by Kevin Henkes *Newbery Honor*  
On a summer visit to her grandmother's cottage by the ocean, twelve-year-old Martha gains perspective on the death of her classmate, on her relationship with her grandmother, on her feelings for an older boy, and on her plans to be a writer.
4. **The Breadwinner** by Deborah Ellis  
Parvana is a sixth grade girl living in Afghanistan. Imagine living in a country in which girls are not allowed to leave the house without a man. Imagine having to wear clothes on every part of your body, including your face, whenever you go out. This is the life in Afghanistan, where the Taliban runs most of the country.
5. **Peak** by Roland Smith  
Fourteen-year-old New Yorker Peak Marcello climbs skyscrapers for practice. He travels to Tibet with his mountaineer father, who hopes that Peak will be the youngest person to climb Mt. Everest. There he experiences an adventure that includes life lessons. A winning story!
6. **Kira-Kira** by Cynthia Kadohata *2005 Newbery Medal winner*  
Katie's shrewd descriptions of people – relatives, friends, strangers – make startlingly vivid images of being Japanese American in the 1950s and the experience of illness and loss.
7. **The London Eye Mystery** by Siobhan Dowd  
Ted and Kat watched their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye, but after it landed he didn't get off. They follow a trail of clues across London to find him. A spine-tingling thriller.
8. **Chinese Cinderella** by Adeline Yen Mah *ALA Best Book for Young Adults, Publishers Weekly Best Book*  
The author returns to her roots to paint an authentic portrait of 20<sup>th</sup> century China as well as to tell the story of her painful childhood, courage, and triumph over despair.