**Summer book list (2): Grade 6**

**This list is for incoming 7th grade students who need learning support. In parenthesis are the reading levels designated by the Accelerated Reader system.**

**\*Dog Walker (3.0) Karen Spafford-Fitz**

*Turk, in need of money but not really wanting to work, notices that girls love dogs, so he starts a dog-walking business, recruiting friends to do the actual work with the side benefit of meeting girls, but the whole scheme is threatened when Chuck, the school tough guy, wants in on the action.*

**\*Mirror Image (3.2) K. L. Denman**

*Thirteen –year-old Sable is reluctantly paired up with Lacey for an art project, but their mutual dislike for one another begins to soften as the two begin to get to know each other better.*

**A Boy at War (3.5) Harry Mazer**

*While fishing with his friends off Honolulu on December 7th, 1941, Adam is caught in the midst of the Japanese attack as he searches for his father, a naval officer serving on the USS Arizona as the bombs hit.*

**\*Sewer Rats (3.5) Sigmund Brouwer**

*A group known as the Sewer Rats takes up the challenge of an underground game of paintball.*

**\*Skate Freak (3.6) Lesley Choyce**

*Dorf is all about skateboarding and so far that’s worked out fine. But now that he’s in a new city, the terrain has changed. He’s no longer free to skateboard where he wishes, school is more difficult, and his passion for skateboarding gets him the nickname and reputation of a freak.*

**Scorpions (3.7) Walter Dean Myers**

*When his brother goes to jail, Jamal takes over the responsibilities for the family, but when his brother asks him to take over his gang, Jamal has second thoughts.*

**\*Swiped (3.7) Michele Martin Bossley**

*Trevor and his friends become caught up in solving several mysteries at their junior high school in Calgary involving missing lunches and stolen books.*

**NightJohn (3.8) Gary Paulsen**

*A story of slavery on a southern plantation, NightJohn risks his life to educate others.*

**\*The Big Dip (3.9) Melanie Jackson**

*Joe and his friend Skip are enjoying the thrill of the Big Dip, a famous rollercoaster, until they learn the old man in front of them has been shot. The old man mutters with his dying breath something about getting a “Margaret Rose” to the police. Joe leaves the crime scene to get on with his life. But someone is desperate for the Margaret Rose and thinks Joe has it. When his sister is kidnapped, Joe is in a race against time to solve the puzzle.*

**\*Struck (4.0) Deb Loughead**

*First there was a brilliant flash of what could only have been lightning. It was almost like a brush with death! Be careful what you wish for. Claire’s life is a mess. She’s failing math, her depressed mother won’t get off the couch, and Eric, the boy of her dreams, is dating her enemy Lucy. Will things continue to get worse or was that brush with lightning actually a sign of her luck changing?*

**\*Fraud Squad (4.2) Michele Martin Bossley**

*When Trevor, Nick and Robyn visit the Royal Tyrell Museum, Robyn is inspired to raise funds for a dinosaur dig that will close soon if it doesn’t find funding. The kids are caught up in another mystery when a chain of suspicious events, including the disappearance of important fossils leads them to wonder what’s going on.*

**On the Line (3.2)****Jake Maddox**

*After breaking his arm during the first try-out of last season, Robby is determined to make the football team this year. Even if he does make the team, he’s not sure he’ll have the skills necessary to lead the team to victory.*

**Terror Beach (3.3) Michael Dahl**

*The morning after a storm, Rico searches the beach for rare and unusual objects. He doesn’t believe his eyes - the sand is covered with dozens of giant eggs. Rico and his friend, Dr. Agon, will soon discover that the eggs are not the key to treasure - but a doorway to terror!*

**Titanic (3.9) Non-fiction Robin Johnson**

*One hundred years after its tragic voyage, the Titanic continues to capture our imaginations. This fascinating title looks at the building, voyage, sinking, and rediscovery of the Titanic.*

**The \* means this book is available online. Go to the Riverside website on the library web page there is the link for TUMBLEREADABLES. Students can not only access the books, but have them read aloud and take a practice test.**

**Pick any two books to read over the summer. Make sure to pick one based on interest! The more you like a book, the more you connect to the book and remember it. You will be tested on the books in September.**