



# READ!



Dear Parents,

To prepare your child for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and one of its important themes, the environment, we suggest that he/she read 3 or more of the following environmentally-themed books this summer. These books will be discussed in various 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes next year.

- *And Then There was One* - Margery Facklam
- *Deep Wizardry* - Diane Duane
- *Farewell to Shady Glade* - Bill Peet
- *Flush* - Carl Hiasson
- *Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest* - Lynne Cherry
- *Hannah West in Deep Water* - Linda Johns
- *Hoot* - Carl Hiasson
- *Judy Moody Saves the World* - Megan McDonald
- *Letting Swift River Go* - Jane Yolen
- *Lostman's River* - Cynthia C. DeFelice
- *Song of the Trees* - Mildred D. Taylor
- *The Lorax* - Dr. Seuss
- *The Wump World* - Bill Peet
- *Who Really Killed Cock Robin?* - Jean Craighead George

Descriptions of these books are provided on the backside of this page. Books can be borrowed from Wadleigh Library or purchased at Toadstool Bookshop, Barnes & Noble, Borders, or any other bookseller.

If you have questions about this list, please contact the Milford Middle School at 673-5221, extension 1533.

Thank you and have a great summer!

Milford Middle School Grade 6 Teachers

## Suggested Book Descriptions:

- *And Then There was One* - Margery Facklam (ISBN: 0316259845)
  - Ages: 9-12
  - Non fiction. Discusses extinction and near extinction of animals.
- *Deep Wizardry* - Diane Duane (ISBN: 0152162577)
  - Ages: Young Adult
  - A girl who can speak to animals helps to save a whale.
- *Farewell to Shady Glade* - Bill Peet (ISBN: 0395311284)
  - Ages: 5-8
  - Bulldozers push a raccoon and his friends from their home, but they are able to find a new one after a terrifying train ride.
- *Flush* - Carl Hiasson (ISBN: 0375821821)
  - Ages: 9-12
  - A boy and his sister try to support their father's claims that a local business is polluting the waters off the coast of Florida.
- *Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest* - Lynne Cherry (ISBN: 0152026142)
  - Ages: Young Adult
  - Many different animals that live in a great kapok tree in the Brazilian rainforest try to convince a man with an ax of the importance of not cutting down their home.
- *Hannah West in Deep Water* - Linda Johns (ISBN: 0142407003)
  - Ages 9-12
  - A girl in Seattle tries to solve a mystery about the source of local pollution.
- *Hoot* - Carl Hiasson (ISBN: 0440419395)
  - Ages: 9-12
  - A boy in Florida tries to save an endangered species from being bulldozed to make way for a restaurant.
- *Judy Moody Saves the World* - Megan McDonald (ISBN: 0763620874)
  - Ages 6-10
  - When Judy Moody gets serious about protecting the environment, her little brother Stink thinks she is overdoing it, but she manages to inspire her 3rd grade class to undertake an environment-saving project.
- *Letting Swift River Go* - Jane Yolen (ISBN: 0316968609)
  - Ages: 6-8
  - A girl experiences changing times in rural America, as she lives through the drowning of the Swift River towns in western Massachusetts to form the Quabbin Reservoir.
- *Lostman's River* - Cynthia C. DeFelice (ISBN: 0380723964)
  - Ages: 9-12
  - A boy in Florida in the 1880s tries to stop some poachers near his land.
- *Song of the Trees* - Mildred D. Taylor (ISBN: 0142500755)
  - Ages: 8-12
  - A girl in the Depression tries to convince her mother that the trees on their property are more than just lumber that should be sold.
- *The Lorax* - Dr. Seuss (ISBN: 0394823370)
  - Ages: 4-8
  - A fable about consumption and its toll on natural resources.
- *The Wump World* - Bill Peet (ISBN: 0395311292)
  - Ages: 4-8
  - The Wump World is an unspoiled place until huge monsters bring hordes of tiny creatures from the planet Pollutus.
- *Who Really Killed Cock Robin?* - Jean Craighead George (ISBN: 0064404056)
  - Ages: 8-12
  - Eighth-grader Tony Isidoro follows a trail of environmental clues to try and figure out what ecological imbalances might have caused the death of the town's best-known robin.