

St. Jude the Apostle School

Summer Reading 2026

6th Grade Literature

- (1) Read the novel *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen. An Accelerated Reader quiz and in-class activities will be completed on this novel during the first full week of school. For this novel, you will write your own title for each chapter. The title should reflect the plot of the given chapter. You will also write one question that YOU have about the novel at that point. After reading each chapter, ask yourself - what am I curious about at this point? **You will turn this in on the first day of class.** Please see the attached example.
- (2) Choose a second book from the list below. **Complete the attached notes page after you read the book.** The notes page will be a grade for the first nine weeks. You will also take an AR test on this book. **If a student took an AR test on the book during a previous school year, it will NOT count as Summer Reading for the 2026-2027 school year.**

6th Grade Literature Choice Book Options:
<i>Restart</i> by Gordon Korman
<i>Capture the Flag</i> by Kate Messner
<i>The Dirt Diary</i> by Anna Staniszewski

OPTIONAL Summertime Reading AR Quiz Opportunities:

Mrs. Cook will be on the SJS campus facilitating summer reading Accelerated Reader quizzes during the following dates throughout the summer:

- June 18th at 9am
- June 24th at 10am
- July 2nd at 11am
- July 7th at noon
- July 13th at 1pm
- July 27th at 2pm

The purpose of these **optional** quiz dates is to provide students an opportunity to read their novels earlier in the summer, if they wish, and not have to wait until August to take the novels' AR quizzes. Students are **NOT** required to attend these quizzing dates; students will still be provided with an opportunity to take their Summer Reading AR quizzes in class during the first week of school. All Summer Reading AR quizzes will be counted in the 1st Quarter grade for the 2026-2027 school year.

Name
Date

Literature
6th Grade

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Chapter 1

Title: The Secret and the Heart Attack

Question: What is the secret that Brian knows and is not sharing his knowledge of with either of his parents?

Formatting information

Font: Times New Roman
Size: 12 pt font

Name: _____ Date: _____ Period: _____

Notes Page

(For Choice Novel)

Who were the main characters in the novel? Describe their personalities.

What was the major problem in the novel? Who was involved? How was it resolved?

Where did the story take place?

What were the five most significant plot details? Provide them in chronological order.

Who told the story? A character from the novel or the author?

What is the theme? What lesson should you take away from this novel?