

Grade 6 Student Supply List 2011-2012

For all classes on the first day of school

- Binder (Recommend 1.5" Mead Pro Platinum Zipper Binder or similar)
- College-ruled notebook paper (three-hole punch reinforced is best)
- 1 Set of 7 subject dividers
- Small box of hole reinforcement stickers
- Spiral notebook for Spanish journaling
- Composition book for English journaling
- Small zipper pouch for pens, pencils, etc. (three hole punched to be kept in binder is best)
- Box of pencils (if using mechanical, extra 0.7 mm lead should be purchased)
- Box of black or blue pens
- Highlighters (one each of pink, yellow, green, and blue)
- Ruler
- 3x5 cards (two packs of 100)
- 3-subject spiraled notebook with folders for Math
- Protractor
- Compass
- Small box of colored pencils
- Pencil Sharpener
- Scientific calculator for Math (Texas Instruments TI-30X-IIS Scientific Calculator is recommended)
- One 512MB Flash Drive/USB Memory Key (Essential for storing and transferring electronic documents)
- Water bottle (such as a Nalgene bottle)
- One box of Kleenex
- Sturdy back pack (rolling suggested)
- Lunch box (with cold pack)

Book List

- Please refer to the attached list regarding books that must be purchased prior to school starting

Physical Education Supplies (all items to be left at school and to be used for indoor activities)

- Closed-toed, non marking athletic shoes (tennis, basketball, or running)
- Athletic socks
- T-shirt
- Athletic shorts
- Water bottle (could be the same as that water bottle as the one listed above)

All supplies should be clearly labeled with the name of the student! Please be aware that it may be necessary to purchase additional supplies as the year progresses.

If you have any questions, please contact Alex Ide at aide@riverstoneschool.org.



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All books must be purchased by the student prior to start of school

Spanish

- Spanish-English Dictionary

French

- French-English Dictionary
- "501 French Verbs"

English

- Before We Were Free. Alvarez, Julie. ISBN-13: 978-0440237846**
From Publisher's Weekly: "In her first YA novel, Alvarez (How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents) proves as gifted at writing for adolescents as she is for adults. Here she brings her warmth, sensitivity and eye for detail to a volatile setting the Dominican Republic of her childhood, during the 1960-1961 attempt to overthrow Trujillo's dictatorship. The story opens as 12-year-old narrator Anita watches her cousins, the Garcia girls, abruptly leave for the U.S. with their parents; Anita's own immediate family are now the only ones occupying the extended family's compound. Alvarez relays the terrors of the Trujillo regime in a muted but unmistakable tone; for a while, Anita's parents protect her (and, by extension, readers), both from the ruler's criminal and even murderous ways and also from knowledge of their involvement in the planned coup d'état. The perspective remains securely Anita's, and Alvarez's pitch-perfect narration will immerse readers in Anita's world. Her crush on the American boy next door is at first as important as knowing that the maid is almost certainly working for the secret police and spying on them; later, as Anita understands the implications of the adult remarks she overhears, her voice becomes anxious and the tension mounts. When the revolution fails, Anita's father and uncle are immediately arrested, and she and her mother go underground, living in secret in their friends' bedroom closet a sequence the author renders with palpable suspense. Alvarez conveys the hopeful ending with as much passion as suffuses the tragedies that precede it. A stirring work of art."
- The Pearl. Steinbeck, John. ISBN-13: 978-0142000694**
From School Library Journal: "Kino, a poor Mexican pearl fisher, finds a valuable pearl. Yet instead of bringing blessings, the pearl acts as a harbinger of misfortune to Kino and his wife, Juana. Ultimately, it is returned from whence it came. Steinbeck's parable, originally published in 1947, is a well-written retelling of an old Mexican folktale." Denise A. Garofalo, Mid-Hudson Lib. System, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

□ **The Cay. Taylor, Theodore. ISBN-13: 978-0440229124**

From School Library Journal. “This is a classic novel about racism and a young man's realization that skin color does not matter. Phillip is an 11-year-old living in the West Indies at the start of World War II. He's excited at the idea of being in the war but is taken away by his mother who only wants to return to the safety of Virginia. Their ship is sunk by the Germans, and Phillip and his mother end up on separate life rafts. After being hit on the head with a beam from the sinking ship, Phillip awakens to find himself alone with Timothy, an old black ship hand, and Stew Cat, the ship's tomcat. The three survive on a raft for several days, during which time Phillip loses his eyesight due to the head injury. They eventually come ashore on a small unpopulated island. Phillip must learn to deal with his blindness and overcome his dislike for Timothy. Phillip's question, "Timothy, are you still black?," shows that Phillip has moved past the barrier of color. After Timothy's death, Phillip continues to live on the island and is eventually rescued and reunited with his parents. This audio version of Theodore Taylor's novel (Doubleday, 1987) is well done, with actor Michael Boatman doing a wonderful job of giving the characters individual voices. The West Indian dialect is smooth. At the end of the novel, there's an author Q&A featuring an interview with Taylor in which he talks about the inspirations for his characters and his travels. An excellent purchase for middle and high school libraries”.—*Lisa D. Williams, Chocowinity Middle School, NC*

□ **Treasure Island (Candlewick Illustrated Classics). Stevenson, Robert Louis. ISBN-13: 978-0763644451**

From Amazon's product description: “A treasure map where X marks the spot, a schooner set to sail, a one-legged seaman with a parrot on his shoulder, a boy whose bravery will be tested by murder, mutiny, and betrayal — Robert Louis Stevenson's well-loved tale is the ultimate swashbuckling adventure. Sweeping a path from the sleepy English coast to the raging high seas to a tropical island concealing a buried treasure, this story of friendship and greed, loyalty and courage stars an unforgettable cast of characters: young Jim Hawkins, the terrifying Blind Pew, the wild man Ben Gunn, and one of literature's most dastardly villains, the charming, crafty, and utterly unscrupulous Long John Silver. Superbly illustrated by the celebrated John Lawrence, this is the definitive edition of an enduring classic.”