WOODLAWN MIDDLE SCHOOL
SUMMER 2021
GIFTED/GREAT SCHOLARS SUMMER READING LIST
6th, 7th, and 8th grades
Gifted—Required to read 2 books from the list
Great Scholars—Required to read 1 book from the list.

1. All the Greys on Greene Street by Laura Tucker
   [Historical Fiction, 1981 New York City, white female protagonist, art, mental illness, friendship]
   Summary: A 12-year-old artist in 1981 SoHo searches for answers when her father, a restorer of antique paintings, abruptly disappears in the middle of the night. (AR)
   Accelerated Reader: IL: MG - BL: 5.9 - AR Pts: 12.0 AR Quiz No. 503860

2. Dark Lord Clementine, The by Sarah Jean Horwitz
   [Fantasy, white female protagonist, magic, curses]
   Summary: When her father is cursed by a rival witch, twelve-year-old Clementine Morcerous assumes his duties as Dark Lord of the realm, but soon questions her father’s code of good and evil. (LOC)
   Accelerated Reader: IL: MG - BL: 6.8 - AR Pts: 12.0 AR Quiz No. 506907

3. Genesis Begins Again by Alicia D. Williams
   [Realistic, black female protagonist, colorism, texturism, parental alcoholism, poverty]
   Summary: Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family’s troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as is. (LOC)
   Accelerated Reader: IL: MG - BL: 6.8 - AR Pts: 11.0 AR Quiz No. 506907

4. Maybe He Just Likes You by Barbara Dee
   [Realistic fiction, white female protagonist, sexual harassment]
   Summary: When boys in her class start touching seventh-grader Mila and making her feel uncomfortable, she does not want to tell her friends or mother until she reaches her breaking point. (LOC)
   Accelerated Reader: IL: MG - BL: 4.5 - AR Pts: 11.0 AR Quiz No. 199648

5. New Kid (New Kid 1) by Jerry Craft
   [Realistic fiction, graphic novel, black male protagonist, racism, microaggressions]
   Summary: Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life, but instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics. (AR)
   Accelerated Reader: IL: MG - BL: 4.2 - AR Pts: 7.0 AR Quiz No. 505166

6. Next Great Paulie Fink, The by Ali Benjamin
   [Realistic fiction, white female protagonist, social hierarchy, humor]
   Summary: Led by new student Caitlyn, seventh-graders at a tiny rural school in Vermont create a reality-show inspired competition to determine who will replace the school’s legendary class clown, Paulie Fink. (LOC)
   Accelerated Reader: IL: MG - BL: 4.9 - AR Pts: 9.0 AR Quiz No. 500764
7. **Okay Witch, The** by Emma Steinkellner  
   [Fantasy, graphic novel, non-white female protagonist, witches, family secrets]
   **Summary:** When thirteen-year-old Moth Hush learns she comes from a long line of witches, she unlocks a hidden witch world, where secrets from generations past unravel and threaten her family. (AR)
   **Accelerated Reader:** IL: MG - BL: 3.1 - AR Pts: 2.0 AR Quiz No. 505277

8. **Other Words for Home** by Jasmine Warga  
   [Realistic fiction, verse, Syrian female protagonist, refugees, racism, Islamophobia]
   **Summary:** Sent with her mother to the safety of a relative’s home in Cincinnati when her Syrian hometown is overshadowed by violence, Jude worries for the family members who were left behind as she adjusts to a new life with unexpected surprises. (LOC)
   **Accelerated Reader:** IL: MG - BL: 5.3 - AR Pts: 5.0 AR Quiz No. 504111

9. **Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise, The** by Dan Gemeinhart  
   [Realistic fiction, white female protagonist, grief, family, friendship, LGBTQIA+]
   **Summary:** Twelve-year-old Coyote and her father rush to Poplin Springs, Washington, in their old school bus to save a memory box buried in a park that will soon be demolished. (LOC)
   **Accelerated Reader:** IL: MG - BL: 4.7 - AR Pts: 12.0 AR Quiz No. 199391

10. **Storm Blown** by Nick Courage  
    [Realistic fiction, survival, white female protagonist and Puerto Rican male protagonist]
    **Summary:** In San Juan, Puerto Rico, Alejandro worries about his great-uncle while helping guests at a resort, and in New Orleans, Emily worries about her sick brother, as a major hurricane rages, changing both their lives forever. (LOC)
    **Accelerated Reader:** IL: MG - BL: 6.6 - AR Pts: 10.0 AR Quiz No. 503962

11. **Strangers, The (Greystone Secrets 1)** by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
    [Science fiction, white male, female, and male protagonists, mystery, missing persons]
    **Summary:** Told from separate viewpoints, Chess, Emma, and Finn Greystone, ages twelve, ten, and eight, investigate why their mother went missing and uncover their ties to an alternate world. (LOC)
    **Accelerated Reader:** IL: MG - BL: 5.1 - AR Pts: 11.0 AR Quiz No. 501254

12. **Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky** by Kwame Mbalia  
    [Fantasy, black male protagonist, inspired by African American folk tales and West African gods]
    **Summary:** Seventh-grader Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky. (LOC)
    **Accelerated Reader:** IL: MG - BL: 4.8 - AR Pts: 15.0 AR Quiz No. 505341

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**During the 1st 9 weeks grading period of the 2021-22 school year the students will be required to complete a project and take an accelerated reading test on one of their required readings.**

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