

## Announcing Our Summer Reading List!

Our Language Arts Teachers, Media Specialist, and Literacy Coach have chosen some exciting books for our students to read this summer. We have come up with a list of suggested books and authors for each grade level. Students will be held accountable for reading two books from their rising grade level list of books and authors over the summer. They will be assessed by the Language Arts Department during the first month of the 2019-2020 school year. This assessment will become an important part of their first quarter Language Arts grade.

You may also visit: to print out an **optional** story map to take notes on to help you remember the important parts of the books. We hope you enjoy the books and authors we have picked for you! If you have any questions, please email Ms. Karen Proia or Ms. Angel Welsh, Language Arts Department Co-Chairs at: [marie.welsh@browardschools.com](mailto:marie.welsh@browardschools.com) or [karen.proia@browardschools.com](mailto:karen.proia@browardschools.com), Ms. Celia Benitez, Reading Department Chair at [celia.benitez@browardschools.com](mailto:celia.benitez@browardschools.com), Ms. Peg Snipas, Media Specialist at: [peg.snipas@browardschools.com](mailto:peg.snipas@browardschools.com) or Ms. Juliet Rezende, Literacy Coach at: [juliet.rezende@browardschools.com](mailto:juliet.rezende@browardschools.com). You may also call the school at: (754) 323-3700. We appreciate your participation and cooperation.

### Broward County Public Schools has partnered with Broward County Public Library to offer additional online summer reading options.

#### Broward County Public Library

Broward County Library Summer Learning game boards may be used for students to track summer reading and learning activities. Students can earn books and prizes by visiting and participating in summer learning activities at their local public library. Registration link for [Summer at Your Library Magazine](#) program:

[Broward County Library](#)

#### Option for All Grade Levels

(All YA books should be approved by a parent or guardian)

#### ***The Summer I Saved the World in 65 Days* by Michele Weber Hurwitz**

Thirteen-year-old Nina begins her summer vacation by doing a random act of kindness for a neighbor. When she sees how well received this kind gesture is, she decides to spend her summer vacation secretly doing 64 more good deeds for her neighbors, friends and family (one good deed for every day of vacation). Will her random acts of kindness change the world or backfire in ways she never dreamed?

#### **Rising 6th Graders**

#### **Wonder\* – R.J. Palacios - (required for students in Gifted program)**

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

#### **Glass Sentence (The Mapmakers Trilogy book 1) by S.E. Grove**

Boston, 1891. Sophia Tims comes from a family of explorers and cartographers who, for generations, have been traveling and mapping the New World—a world changed by the Great Disruption of 1799, when all the continents were flung into different time periods. Eight years ago, Sophia's parents left her with her uncle Shadrack, the foremost cartographer in Boston, and went on an urgent mission. They never returned.

#### **Skink – No Surrender – Carl Hiaasan**

When your cousin goes missing under suspicious circumstances, who do you call? There's only one man for the job: a half-crazed, half-feral, one-eyed ex-governor named Skink. Skink joins 14-year-old Richard on a breakneck chase across Florida, undaunted by lightning storms, poisonous snakes, flying bullets, and giant gators.

#### **Others by Carl Hiaasen:**

##### **Hoot, Flush, Scat or Chomp**

Carl Hiaasen writes about the environmental destruction of his beloved home state, Florida. With his unique blend of comedy and truthfulness," Hiaasen continues to treat Florida institutions -- from tourism to real estate development - with a wickedly resentful attitude.

#### **Counting by 7's – Holly Goldberg Sloan**

Suddenly Willow's world is tragically changed when her parents both die in a car crash, leaving her alone in a baffling world.

Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. It has never been easy for her to connect with anyone other than her adoptive parents, but that hasn't kept her from leading a quietly happy life...until now.

#### **Waiting for Normal by Leslie Connor**

Addison "Addie" Schmeeter has experienced a lot in her 12 years. Her father died when she was three, leaving her with her unstable, bipolar mother. Her grandfather is never too far away, but he and Mommers can't stand each other. Then Mommers marries Dwight, the first good decision for their lives in a long time. Addie absolutely adores Dwight, plus he is stable, secure and takes really good care of them. Soon Addie is blessed with two amazing little sisters, and life seems wonderful. But good things don't ever seem to last long with Mommers.

#### **Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller by Sarah Miller**

Annie Sullivan was little more than a half-blind orphan with a fiery tongue when she arrived at Ivy Green in 1887. Desperate for work, she'd taken on a seemingly impossible job -- teaching a child who was deaf, blind, and as ferocious as any wild animal. But Helen Keller needed more than a teacher. She needed someone daring enough to work a miracle. And if anyone was a match for Helen, it was the girl they used to call Miss Spitfire.

**Any book by these authors: Meg Cabot, Christopher Paul Curtis, Gordon Korman, Mike Lupica, J.K. Rowling, Jerry Spinelli, Rick Riordan, or Pam Munoz Ryan.**

#### **Rising 7th Graders**

#### **Tangerine\* - by Edward Bloor (required for students in Gifted program)**

"Paul Fisher's got a weird obsession with zombies. Or at least, he sure seems to. He and his family are moving from Houston to Tangerine County, Florida, and all he can think about is how his old house reminds him of an empty zombie tomb. Dude's got some real fond memories of his childhood home, there." - Shmoop Editorial Team. "Tangerine Summary." *Shmoop*. Shmoop University, Inc., 11 Nov. 2008. Web. 22 May 2018.

#### **Ghost – (Book 1) Jason Reynolds**

Castle "Ghost" Cranshaw is an African-American teenager growing up in the projects with a single mother who works around the clock. His ability to run has come in handy in getting him out of some bad situations --- especially the time he had to run for his life when his father tried to shoot him and his mother in a drunken rage. He never thought his natural speed would be of any other use to him until he saw a track and field team practicing on a local track and couldn't help but think he could outrun everybody he saw out there. Ghost crashes their practice and proves he can run neck and neck with their fastest guys, and their coach does everything he can to recruit Ghost to the team.

#### **Patina - Book 2**

#### **Sunny – Book 3**

#### **Mockingbird – Kathryn Erskine**

Caitlin has Asperger's. The world according to her is black and white; anything in between is confusing. Before, when things got confusing, Caitlin went to her older brother, Devon, for help. But Devon has died, and Caitlin's dad is so distraught that he is just not helpful. Caitlin wants everything to go back to the way things were, but she doesn't know how to do that. Then she comes across the word closure- and she realizes this is what she needs. And in her search for it, Caitlin discovers that the world may not be black and white after all.

#### **Paper Boy – Vince Vawter**

Little Man throws the meanest fastball in town. But talking is a whole different ball game. He can barely say a word without stuttering-not even his own name. So when he takes over his best friend's paper route for the month of July, he's not exactly looking forward to interacting with the customers. But it's the neighborhood junkman, a bully and a thief, who stirs up real trouble in Little Man's life.

#### **Middle School, the Worst Years of My Life - James Patterson**

Rafe Khatchadorian has enough problems at home without throwing his first year of middle school into the mix. Luckily, he's got an ace plan for the best year ever, if only he can pull it off: With his best friend Leonardo the Silent awarding him points, Rafe tries to break every rule in his school's oppressive Code of Conduct. Chewing gum in class-5,000 points! Running in the hallway-10,000 points! Pulling the fire alarm-50,000 points! But when Rafe's game starts to catch up with him, he'll have to decide if winning is all that matters, or if he's finally ready to face the rules, bullies, and truths he's been avoiding.

#### **Crossover – Kwame Alexander (or any book in this series)**

"With a bolt of lightning on my kicks...The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. Cuz tonight I'm delivering," announces dread-locked, 12-year old Josh Bell. He and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse, in this fast and furious middle grade novel.

Any book by: Margaret Petersen Haddix, Mike Lupica, Gary Soto, Rick Riordan, J.K. Rowling, Suzanne Collins or Walter Dean Myers.

## Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

### Something Wicked This Way Comes\* - Ray Bradbury

(required for students in Gifted program)

"A carnival rolls in sometime after the midnight hour on a chill Midwestern October eve, ushering in Halloween a week before its time. A calliope's shrill siren song beckons to all with a seductive promise of dreams and youth regained. In this season of dying, Cooger & Dark's Pandemonium Shadow Show has come to Green Town, Illinois, to destroy every life touched by its strange and sinister mystery." - "Something Wicked This Way Comes (Green Town, #2) by Ray Bradbury." *Goodreads*, Goodreads, 1 Mar. 1998, [www.goodreads.com/book/show/248596.Something\\_Wicked\\_This\\_Way\\_Comes](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/248596.Something_Wicked_This_Way_Comes).

### The Neptune Project by Polly Holyoke

In this dystopian adventure, the government is forcing citizens to leave the coasts to move inland to work in labor camps. Nere, who has always loved the water, and can communicate with dolphins, finds out that she and others have been genetically mutated to be able to breathe underwater. With danger following at every turn, will the Neptune Children escape the government's clutches and begin a new human colony in the ocean as they were designed to do?

### The Underdogs – Mike Lupica

Will Tyler may not be the biggest running back around, but no one can touch him when it comes to hitting the hole and finding the end zone. And no one can match his love of the game. When Will has a football in his hand, life can't touch him—his dad isn't so defeated, his town isn't so poor, and everyone has something to cheer for. All of which does him no good if the football season is canceled. With no funding for things like uniforms and a well-maintained playing field, with every other family moving to find jobs, there just isn't enough money or players for a season. It's up to Will to give everyone a reason to believe.

### Brown Girl, Brownstones – Paule Marshall

Set in Depression-era Brooklyn, NY, this 1959 coming-of-age novel finds Selina Boyce caught in the middle of her immigrant parents. Mom wants Selina to get an American education, while dad dreams of returning to Barbados. Along with her parental woes, our heroine must deal with the poverty and racism that surrounds her.

### Tempestuous (Twisted Lit Book 1) by Kim Askew and Amy Helmes

After a mistake with big financial consequences topples her throne, former "it girl" Miranda Prospero is bitter: she finds herself stranded in a crazed new world, holding court among geeks and misfits at a mall Hot Dog Kabob stand. Then, she gets her chance for revenge. When the storm of the decade snows in the mall workers and last-minute shopaholics for a long winter's night, Miranda sets out to get back at the catty clique who was behind her exile. But there's a complication. She somehow gets handcuffed to sullen loner Caleb. With him (literally) bound to her side, Miranda learns more in one night about her own heart, and human nature, than she ever did as prep royalty.

Any book by Margaret Peterson Haddix, Sharon Draper, Gordon Korman, Gary Paulsen, Rick Riordan, J.K. Rowling or J.R.R. Tolkien



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\* **Starred books are the required book for students in the gifted education classes**

## Nova Middle School Summer Reading List

### 2019

## WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?



IF STUDENTS START READING 20 MINUTES PER NIGHT IN KINDERGARTEN, BY THE END OF 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE, STUDENT A WILL HAVE READ FOR THE EQUIVALENT OF 60 SCHOOL DAYS, STUDENT B WILL HAVE READ FOR 12 AND STUDENT C FOR 3.

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SIMPLY READ!**

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