

# Herndon Magnet School – 2021 Summer Reading List

Going to Sixth Grade – Select and read ONE

Going to Eighth Grade – Select and read TWO

Going to Seventh Grade – Select and read TWO

Gateway (Gifted & Talented): Select and read THREE

**All the Greys on Greene Street** by Laura Tucker, AR Pts: 12.0

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.

**The Dark Lord Clementine** by Sarah Jean Horwitz, AR Pts: 12.0

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.

**Genesis Begins Again** by Alicia D. Williams, AR Pts: 11.0

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.

**The Next Great Paulie Fink** by Ali Benjamin, AR Pts: 9.0

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.

**Other Words for Home** by Jasmine Warga, AR Pts: 5.0

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.

**The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise** by Dan Gemeinhart, AR Pts: 12.0

Twelve-year-old Coyote and her father rush to Poplin Springs, Washington, in their old school bus save a memory box buried in a park that will soon be demolished.

**Storm Blown** by Nick Courage, AR Pts: 10.0

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.

**The Strangers (Greystone Secrets 1)** by Margaret Peterson Haddix, AR Pts: 11.0

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.

**Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky** by Kwame Mbalia, AR Pts: 15.0

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.