

**G.W. Carver Language Arts Required Reading List
2020-2021**

Sixth Grade

First Nine Weeks

The Giver by Lois Lowry
Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

Second Nine Weeks

View from Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Third Nine Weeks

The Watsons go to Birmingham, 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis
Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose

Fourth Nine Weeks

The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

Seventh Grade

Paperback copies of the following:

Hidden Figures Young Readers' Edition by Margot Lee Shetterly
Code Talker: A Novel about The Navajo Marines of World War Two by Joseph Bruchac
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Much Ado About Nothing by William Shakespeare (Folger Edition only)

4th Nine Weeks Reader's Choice

Students will select ONE BOOK PER CATEGORY for a total of THREE titles. Please wait until the end of the 3rd nine weeks to purchase for the 4th nine weeks. Teachers may add to the list to provide even more options.

Group 1

Unbroken: An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive
by Laura Hillenbrand (Adapted for Young Readers Version)
Shackleton's Stowaway by Victoria McKernan
Lord of the Flies by William Golding
Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
Ender's Game by Orsen Scott Card
Bad Boy by Walter Dean Myers (Memoir)

Group 2

Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt
The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
The Thing about Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin
Counting by Sevens by Holly Goldberg Sloan
Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life by Wendy Mass
Purple Heart by Patricia McCormick

Orphan Train Girl by Christina Baker Kline YOUNG READERS' EDITION
Just a Drop of Water by Kerry O'Malley Cerra

Group 3

Better Nate than Ever by Tim Federle
This is Not the Abby Show by Debbie Reed Fisher
Red Kayak by Pricilla Cummings
Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson
The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare
Raymie Nightingale by Kate DiCamillo
That was then, This is Now by S.E. Hinton

Eighth Grade

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

Macbeth by Shakespeare Folgers Edition Only

The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

Enchanted Air Two Cultures Two Wings: A Memoir by Margarita Engle

4th Nine Weeks Genre Study

Students will select a preferred genre and read two novels from that genre.

Historical Fiction: War

Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein

Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Meyers

Flygirl by Sherri S. Smith

Dystopian

The Road by Cormac McCarthy

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Teen Issues

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz

I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L. Sanchez

Art History

The Smile by Donna Jo Napoli

The Girl with the Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier

Immigration

A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea by Melissa Fleming

The Distance Between Us by Reyna Grande