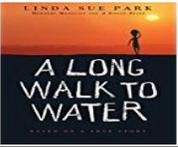
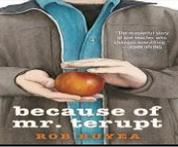
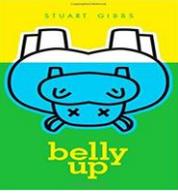
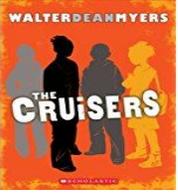
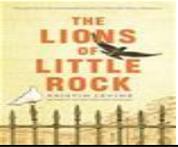
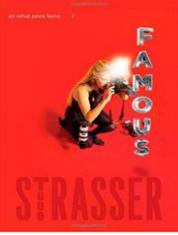
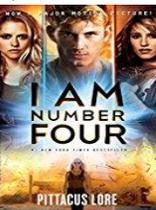
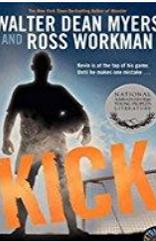
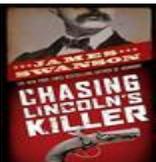
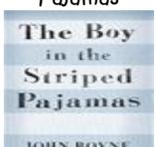
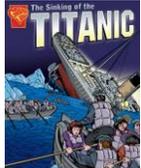
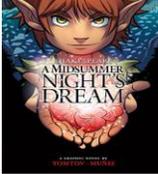


Dunbar Magnet Middle School
Suggested Summer Reading List (2017)
6th-8th Grades

Suggested Book Title	Author	Summary
<p>A Long Walk to Water</p> 	Linda Sue Park	A Long Walk to Water begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about two eleven-year-olds in Sudan, a girl in 2008 and a boy in 1985. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the "lost boys" of Sudan, refugees who cover the African continent on foot as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay. Enduring every hardship, Salva is a survivor, and his story goes on to intersect with Nya's in an astonishing and moving way.
<p>Because of Mr. Terupt</p> 	R. Buyea	Features seven narrators, each with a unique story, and each with a different perspective on what makes their teacher so special.
<p>Belly Up</p> 	Stuart Gibbs	12 year old Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt Fitzroy has got a murder on his hands and trouble on his tail. Henry, the hippopotamus at the brand-new nationally known FunJungle, has gone belly up. Even though it's claimed he died of natural causes, Teddy smells something fishy. Teddy sets out to find the truth. With the help of Summer McCracken, a feisty girl with secrets of her own, the two narrow down their prime suspects. As their investigation goes on, Teddy gets squeezed on all sides to quit asking questions or Henry won't be the only animal in the zoo to turn up dead.
<p>The Cruisers</p> 	Walter Dean Myers	Eighth grade is hard enough, but when you're a Cruiser, you're really put to the test. Zander and his friends, Kambui, LaShonda, and Bobbi start their own newspaper, The Cruiser, as a means for speaking out, keeping the peace, and expressing what they believe. When the school launches a mock Civil War, Zander and his friends are forced to consider the true meaning of democracy and what it costs to stand up for a cause. The result is nothing they could have expected, and everything they could have hoped for.
<p>The Lions of Little Rock</p> 	Kristin Levine	In 1958 Little Rock, Arkansas, painfully shy twelve-year-old Marlee sees her city and family divided over school integration, but her friendship with Liz, a new student, helps her find her voice and fight against racism.
<p>Famous</p> 	Todd Strasser	All Jamie Gordon wants to do is to take pictures of celebrities...and maybe to become famous herself. She's only fourteen, but already her work is sought after by fanzines and websites, and she's invited to all the best parties. And now she has the chance of a lifetime: She has been invited to spend a week with Willow Twine, taking pictures of the teen superstar's new chaste life. But when Jamie gets her hands on some sensational shots of Willow, she's suddenly in over her head. The pictures could make her career—and destroy Willow's. It seems like everyone's eager to get their hands on the photos, and Jamie has to decide what she really wants...and what she's willing to pay to get it.
<p>The Fourth Stall</p> 	Chris Rylander	The humor of <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i> meets a <i>Godfather</i> -like tale of crime and betrayal in this first book in Chris Rylander's <i>The Fourth Stall</i> Saga. Do you need something? Mac can get it for you. He and his best friend and business manager, Vince. Their methods might sometimes run afoul of the law, or at least the school code of conduct, but if you have a problem, if no one else can help, and if you can pay him, Mac is on your side. His office is located in the East Wing boy's bathroom, fourth stall from the high window. And business is booming. Or at least it was, until this particular Monday. Because this Monday is when Mac and Vince find out that the trouble with solving everyone else's problems is there's no one left to solve yours. The school setting; fast-paced, cinematic, and funny story; and engaging voice make <i>The Fourth Stall</i> a perfect classroom read.

<p>Ghostopolis</p> 	<p>Doug TenNapel</p>	<p>Imagine Garth Hale's surprise when he's accidentally zapped to the spirit world by Frank Gallows, a washed-out ghost wrangler. Suddenly Garth finds he has powers the ghosts don't have, and he's stuck in a world run by the evil ruler of Ghostopolis, who would use Garth's newfound abilities to rule the ghostly kingdom. When Garth meets Cecil, his grandfather's ghost, the two search for a way to get Garth back home, and nearly lose hope until Frank Gallows shows up to fix his mistake.</p>
<p>Hero</p> 	<p>Mike Lupica</p>	<p>Zach Harriman knew that his dad was something of a hero, a man trusted by the president to solve international crises at a moment's notice. Suddenly people are telling him he has powers - people who know much more about his father than Zach ever did. But there are the Bads, who appear out of nowhere and attack him and his best friend. One thing is clear: he can do things ordinary people cannot. Like fend off grown men as though he possesses the strength of a hundred. Like sense when evil is about to strike. And evil is about to strike in a very big way. Zach Harriman is his father's son. And he, too, is a hero.</p>
<p>I Am Number Four</p> 	<p>Pittacus Lore</p>	<p>John Smith seems like an ordinary teenager, living a normal life with his guardian Henri in Paradise, Ohio. But for John, keeping a low profile is essential, because he is <i>not</i> an ordinary teenager. He's an alien from the planet Lorien, and he's on the run. A group of evil aliens from the planet Mogadore, who destroyed his world, are hunting anyone who escaped. Nine Loric children were sent to Earth to live in hiding until they grew up and developed their Legacies, powers that would help them fight back—and help them save us. Three of them are now dead. John is Number Four, and he knows he's next....</p>
<p>Kick</p> 	<p>Walter Dean Myers</p>	<p>For the very first time in his decades-long career writing <i>for</i> teens, acclaimed and beloved author Walter Dean Myers writes <i>with</i> a teen, Ross Workman. Kevin Johnson is a great kid and skilled soccer player. With attitude. Then he ends up in jail. Sergeant Brown is a tough cop and Kevin's mentor. With attitude. If Kevin and Brown can learn to trust each other, they might be able to turn things around. Before it's too late.</p>
<p>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</p> 	<p>James L. Swanson</p>	<p>Based on James Swanson's bestselling adult book <i>MANHUNT: THE 12-DAY CHASE FOR LINCOLN'S KILLER</i>, this young adult version is an accessible look at the assassination of a president and describes Abraham Lincoln, the man, the father, and the husband.</p>
<p>The Boy in the Striped Pajamas</p> 	<p>John Boyne</p>	<p>Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.</p>
<p>The Higher Power of Lucky</p> 	<p>Susan Patron</p>	<p>Fearing that her legal guardian plans to abandon her to return to France, ten-year-old aspiring scientist Lucky Trimble determines to run away while also continuing to seek the Higher Power that will bring stability to her life.</p>
<p>Perfect Revenge</p> 	<p>K.L. Denman</p>	<p>Stripped of her popularity, Lizzie is willing to do anything to exact her revenge. She's even willing to turn to magic.</p> <p>*This book is located on our Digital Library, MyOn. Login to https://clever.com/in/lrsd. Username—lunch number Password—lunch number</p>

<p>The Sinking of the Titanic</p> 	<p>Matt Doeden</p>	<p>This book tells the true story of the 1912 sinking of the Titanic, written in graphic-novel format.</p> <p>*This book is located on our Digital Library, MyOn. Login to https://clever.com/in/lrsd. Username—lunch number Password—lunch number</p>
<p>Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream</p> 	<p>William Shakespeare</p>	<p>Witness a tale of love, fairies, and betrayal in this classic tale retold in graphic-novel format. Theseus, duke of Athens is preparing for his marriage when Hermia, and her father, Egeus, burst into his court and beg for Theseus's judgment regarding whom Hermia, Egeus's, daughter, should marry. Theseus tells Hermia she must marry Demetrius, even though she really loves Lysander. At nightfall, the two young lovers run off to the forest to be married in secret. However, Demetrius discovers their deception and charges into the forest, searching for his bride-to-be. Little do any of them know, a band of magical fairies lives in this forest, and they have other plans for these lovestruck humans.</p> <p>*This book is located on our Digital Library, MyOn. Login to https://clever.com/in/lrsd. Username—lunch number Password—lunch number</p>
<p>The Tell-Tale Heart</p> 	<p>Benjamin Harper's Adaptation of Edgar Allan Poe's Classic</p>	<p>In this graphic novel adaptation, Edgar Allan Poe's classic short story is transformed into a heart-pounding, visual experience portraying one man's journey into the dizzying depths of madness.</p> <p>*This book is located on our Digital Library, MyOn. Login to https://clever.com/in/lrsd. Username—lunch number Password—lunch number</p>