

**Woodside School
Upper School Summer Reading List 2024**

5th Grade Book - one book is required

Locomotion by, Jacqueline Woodson

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In a series of poems, eleven-year-old Lonnie writes about his life after the death of his parents, separated from his younger sister, living in a foster home and finding his poetic voice at school.

This novel touches on themes, such as belonging, that are also present in the novels students read in fifth grade.

6th Grade - both books are required

Lions of Little Rock by, Kristin Levine

Lions of Little Rock

In 1958 Little Rock, Arkansas, painfully shy twelve-year-old Marlee sees her city and family divided over integration, but her friendship with a new student named Liz helps her find her voice and fight against racism.

This novel contains themes about bravery, courage and overcoming adversity, that are also present in the novels students will read in sixth grade.

El Deafo by, Cece Bell

El Deafo

Graphic Novel, biographical

The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her "superpower."

This graphic novel contains themes of acceptance, overcoming adversity, disability and friendship that are also present in the first novel students read in sixth grade.

