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**Grace Millard** may be young at just 11 years old, but she has many big ideas and ambitions that she hasn't waited to get started on. She started her own class newspaper almost two and half years ago. Its mission? To encourage creativity, confidence, community, and an open forum for peers to express and share ideas. Many of Grace's classmates have contributed a diverse range of articles, from humorous stories of "talking animals," to serious topics regarding national and political issues, to education columns such as "Taxes in Connecticut." Grace has many passions – history, global culture, climate change and social issues, just to name a few. She believes that God put her here in this world to leave it better than she found it. Since she wants to make the world a better place, she tries to do all that she can to build a better community in little ways: for example, co-leading a girls' church group for people her age to come together in Christ, or giving her all to be a role model for younger people like her little brother, or volunteering, whether that be in class or at the nursery ministry.

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At age 11, **Luke Lamour** is already a published author, with the children's book entitled *Jimmy Carter: From the Peanut Life to the Presidency*. Since that publication, Luke has participated in Woodbridge's Talented and Gifted (TAG) program, Math Counts, Scholastic Kids Press, Scholars Club, One Keynote Address, and other public speaking events. Luke is also very fond of stop-motion animation and has a channel called "Luke's Historical Stories," with the goal of publishing at least seven (7) seasons of his series. Luke strives to keep publishing articles, learn the name of every country in the world, and go to the diamond level for Scholars Club.

**Lilly Montiel** resides in a beautiful home along with her little brother, mom, dad, and dog, and has achieved many things in the past few years. One accomplishment she is extremely proud of is participating in a fundraiser called "Cleats for Dreams," which was responsible for cleaning hundreds of cleats that had been donated by the community. Those cleats were sent to people in Brazil who are less fortunate. Lilly is an athlete who enjoys playing soccer during her free time, and giving back to people in need felt great. At Beecher Road School, during recess and part of lunch, Lilly has enjoyed helping Mr. Taddei teach his classes and keep the gym organized. Mr. Taddei is a fantastic teacher, and by helping him, she felt like she was able to show how much we appreciate him. Overall, Lilly is honored that she has been chosen for this award and can't wait to accomplish more.

Some of **Miles Thames'** favorite things to do are exploring nature, visiting aquariums, natural science, museums, making arts and crafts, playing in the snow, collecting shells on the beach, indoor rock climbing, swimming, dancing, karaoke, and fighting crime while pretending to be a Ninja Turtle. One of Miles' most noticeable attributes is his infectious smile, which comes in handy when he brightens everyone's day by giving them a helping hand. Thames is a model leader in the Beecher Road School community, embodying the values of kindness and respect. His charisma, positivity, and smile are infectious, and his positive attitude and enthusiasm carry over into his academics. He appreciates every learning opportunity and success, and no accomplishment is too small for his "I did it" dance to appear. He frequently shares the spotlight with his peers, and congratulates them on good performances. His dedication to learning has allowed Miles to master his learning objectives and complete independent work with confidence. His dream is to someday become an actor.