

RSA English Summer Reading Recommendations

2018-2019

Asalamu alaikum Parents of Prospective RSA Students,

At Rising Star Academy, our goal is to ensure that our students maximize their academic potential and intellectual growth. The summertime presents a wonderful opportunity to help your child develop a passion for the love of reading. Many researches prove continued reading during the summer maintains and improves not only their reading skills but also increases their vocabulary fluency, spelling, and writing skills. Whereas students who do not read throughout the summer experience a learning loss and also start the school year in September with gaps in achievement scores.

It is of great importance that children not view reading as a punishment or a chore but as a way to discover themselves through reading. The only way this is possible is with your help. It is of great importance that you encourage your child to read daily. During the summer, please set a time or schedule for your child so that it develops into a daily routine. By working together, your child (our student) will start the year on a strong and positive note.

We look forward to teaching your child for the upcoming year and we are certain your child will start their next year fully equipped for success.

Attached is a list of recommended novels for the summer. We encourage your child to read a minimum of 2 hours a day and at least 1 novel over the course of this summer.

It is **mandatory** to read at least one novel from the recommended list.

***The asterisk indicates the novels that are part of RSA's English curriculum.**

Thank you!

RSA English Dept.

4th Grade List

1. Everything on a Waffle by: Polly Horvath*
2. Save Me a Seat by: Sarah Weeks*
3. James and the Giant Peach by: Roald Dahl*
4. Maniac Magee by: Jerry Spinelli*
5. The Whipping Boy by: Sid Fleischman
6. The BFG by: Roald Dahl
7. Smile by: Raina Telgemeier

Nonfiction

1. *Worst of Friends: Thomas Jefferson and John Adams* by Suzanne Tripp Jurmain
2. *Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum* by Meghan McCarthy
3. *I, Fly* by Bridget Heos
4. *El Deafo* by Cece Bell
5. *Smile* by Raina Telgemeier

5th Grade List

1. Island of the Blue Dolphins by: Scott O'Dell*
2. The Secret Garden by: Frances Hodgson Burnett
3. The BFG by: Roald Dahl*
4. Sign of The Beaver by: Elizabeth George Speare
5. Sadako and a Thousand Paper Cranes by: Eleanor Coer*
6. Ida B. by: Katherine Hannigan*

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6th Grade List

1. *Ida B* by **Katherine Hannigan ***
2. *Esperanza Rising* by **Pam Munoz Ryan***
3. *The Egypt Game* by **Zilpha Keatley Snyder***
4. *The Lightning Thief* by **Rick Riordan**
5. *Wonder* by **Raquel J Palacio**
6. *A Wrinkle in Time* by **Madeleine L'Engle ***

Nonfiction

1. *Young Civil Right Heroes* by Allan Zullo
2. *Two Miserable Presidents* by Steve Sheinkin
3. *Malcolm X, By Any Means Necessary* by Walter Dean Myers
4. *A Black Hole is Not a Hole* by Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano
5. *The Greatest: Muhammad Ali* by Walter Dean Myers

7th Grade List

1. *Crash*, by **Jerry Spinelli**
2. *A Little Piece of Ground*, by **Elizabeth Laird**
3. *Holes* by **Louis Sacher ***
4. *The Hobbit*, by J.R.R. Tolkien *
5. *Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief* by **Rick Riordan**
6. *Walk Two Moons* by **Sharon Creech***
7. *Crispin The Cross of Lead* by **Avi***
8. *Tuck Everlasting* by **Natalie Babbitt**
9. *I am Malala* by **Malala Yousafzai**
10. *The Greatest: My Own Story* by **Muhammed Ali**

Nonfiction

1. *Simeon's Story: An Eyewitness Account of the Kidnapping of Emmett Till* by Simeon Wright
2. *Leon's Story* by Leon Tillage
3. *Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir* by Margarita Engle
4. *A Bite of the Mango* by Ariatu Kamara with Susan McClelland

8th Grade List

1. *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck *
2. *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding *
3. *The Outsiders* by S.E Hinton *
4. *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
5. *Animal Farm* by George Orwell*
6. *The Hobbit* by J.R Tolkein
7. *Chinese Cinderella* by Aldeine YerMah
8. *The Greatest: Muhammad Ali: Bio Memoir*

Nonfiction

9. *I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai
10. *Five Years of My Life: An Innocent Man in Guantanamo* by Murat Kurnaz

Survey of Literature (9th & 12th)

1. *Night* by Elie Wiesel*
2. *Romeo and Juliet* by Shakespeare*
3. *Antigone* by Sophocles*
4. *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury *
5. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
6. *The House of Seven Gables* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
7. *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut

British Literature (10th & 11th)

1. *Macbeth* by Shakespeare*
2. *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte
3. *Doctor Faustus* by Marlowe Christopher
4. *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare
5. *The Lord of the Flies* by William Golding*
6. *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelly*
7. *Grendel* by John Gardner*
8. *The Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka
9. *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad