

**Rising Star Academy**  
**4th -8th 2020 Summer Reading List**

*The asterisk indicates the novels that are part of RSA's English Curriculum (\*)*

**4th Grade Reading List**

**Fiction:**

1. *James and The Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl \* **(Must read for the summer)**
2. *Everything on a Waffle* by Polly Horvath \*
3. *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks\*
4. *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli
5. *The Whipping Boy* by Sid Fleischman
6. *The BFG* by Roald Dahl
7. *Smile* by Raina Telgemeier
8. *Bridge To Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson \*

**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 Reading List**

**Fiction:**

1. *Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare **(Must read for the summer)**
2. *The BFG* by Roald Dahl\*
3. *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett\*
4. *The Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell\*
5. *Sadako and a Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr
6. *Stella by Starlight* by Sharon M. Draper \*

**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

**6th Grade Reading List**

**Fiction:**

1. *Wonder* by Raquel J Palacio\* (**must read for the summer**)
2. *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan\*
3. *The Egypt Game* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder\*
4. *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan
5. *Ida B.* by Katherine Hannigan\*
6. *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle\*
7. *Freak The Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick\*
8. *Tasting the Sky* by Ibtisam Barakat\*
9. *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park\*

**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: Muhammed Ali* by Walter Dean Myers

### **7th Grade Reading List**

**Fiction**

1. *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech\* (**must read for the summer**)
2. *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien\*
3. *Holes* by Louis Sachar\*
4. *Crispin The Cross of Lead* by Avi\*
5. *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith\*
6. *Crash* by Jerry Spinelli
7. *Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan
8. *The Face on the Milk Carton* by Caroline B. Cooney
9. *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini
10. *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt

**Nonfiction**

1. *Simeon's Story: An Eyewitness Account of the Kidnapping of Emmett Till* by Simeon Wright
2. *Unbroken (The Young Adult Adaptation): An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive* by Laura Hillenbrand
3. *I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai
4. *The Greatest: My Own Story* by Muhammed Ali
5. *Never Caught, The Story of Ona Judge: Young Readers Edition* by Erica Armstrong Dunbar and Kathleen Van Cleve

### **8th Grade Reading List**

**Fiction:**

1. *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck \* **(Must read for the summer)**
2. *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck\*
3. *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding \*
4. *The Outsiders* by S.E Hinton \*
5. *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
6. *Animal Farm* by George Orwell \*
7. *The Hobbit* by J.R Tolkien
8. *Chinese Cinderella* by Adeline YerMah
9. *The Greatest: Muhammad Ali: Bio Memoir*
10. *A Child Called It* by Dave Pelzer \*
11. *Nightjohn* by Gary Paulsen \*

**Nonfiction:**

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