

## FIFTH GRADE ACADEMY SUMMER READING LIST

"Not all readers are leaders, but all leaders are readers." -Harry S. Truman

Fostering a love of reading along with a sense of wonder and curiosity, supports the habits of a lifelong learner. Reading in the summer provides each student an opportunity to explore new genres, new interests, new authors and develop new preferences, while preparing for the next school year.

**All Fifth Grade Academy students are REQUIRED to read the the following book and will participate in follow-up activities during the first weeks of school in August:**



### **Wonder by R.J. Palacio**

August Pullman has been homeschooled due to some complicated health issues related to a dramatic cranio-facial abnormality and the rigorous surgery schedule that comes with it. But by the time August turns ten, his parents are beginning to think about the big picture a.k.a. long-term. They have realized that Auggie not only needs to learn more than his mom can teach him, but he also needs to learn to navigate a world that isn't always kind to those who are different.

**Students in the Fifth Grade Academy are REQUIRED to read at least TWO books from the list of choices below:**

Kwame Alexander  
Avi  
Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
Andrew Clements  
Jerry Craft  
Christopher Paul Curtis  
Dear America Series  
Cornelia Funke  
Jack Gantos  
Alan Gratz  
Jennifer Holm  
Polly Horvath  
E.L. Koningsburg  
Gordan Korman  
Kathleen Krull

Thanhha Lai  
Mike Lupica  
Ann M. Martin  
Donna Jo Napoli  
Gary Paulsen  
Katherine Patterson  
Richard Peck  
Rick Riordan  
J.K. Rowling  
Pam Munoz Ryan  
Jerry Spinelli  
Rebecca Stead  
Mildred D. Taylor  
Clare Vanderpool  
Ruth White  
Deborah Wiles

**Students in the Fifth Grade Academy are REQUIRED to select and read at least TWO books from the genre of their choice including graphic novels.**

**Minimum summer reading requirement for a fifth grader: 5 books**