**ALTAMONT READING LIST: GRADES 5-6**

**OUTSIDE READING 2020-2021**

The Altamont School has a rich tradition of graduating students who are well-read, curious, and committed to the life-long habit of reading. In addition to the texts and material covered in class, Altamont students are expected to read on their own, outside of class. In keeping with the mission and core values of our school, we believe that reading is one the most vital ways our students gain exposure to worlds and people different than themselves. Thus, The Altamont School maintains high and rigorous expectations when it comes to reading because we believe that reading is critical to producing “compassionate, well-educated individuals who are capable of independent thinking and innovative ideas.”

1. *Holes* – Louis Sacher
2. *The Giver Quartet* (excluding *The Giver*, which will be read as a class in 6th grade) – Lois Lowry
3. *Number the Stars* – Lois Lowry
4. *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* – Kelly Barnhill
5. *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* – Mildred D. Taylor
6. *Brown Girl Dreaming* - JacquelineWoodson
7. *Tom Sawyer* – Mark Twain
8. *Little Women* – Louisa May Alcott
9. *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* (start from the beginning!) – Rick Riordan
10. *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* – Lewis Carroll
11. *Out of My Mind* – Sharon M. Draper
12. *Wonder* – R.J. Palacio
13. *The Graveyard Book* – Neil Gaiman
14. *Hello Universe* – Erin Entrada Kelly
15. *Bud, Not Buddy* – Christopher Paul Curtis
16. *The Crossover* – Kwame Alexander
17. *Thrones and Bones Series* – Lou Anders
18. *Lucky Broken Girl* – Ruth Behar
19. *The Breadwinner* – Deborah Ellis
20. *My Side of the Mountain* – Jean Craighead George
21. *Hoot* – Carl Hiassen
22. *The Jungle Book* – Rudyard Kipling
23. *Countdown* – Deborah Wiles
24. *Revolution* – Deborah Wiles
25. *Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* – Wendy Mass
26. *A Mango Shaped Space* – Wendy Mass
27. *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh* – Robert C. O’Brien
28. *A Long Walk to Water* – Linda Sue Park
29. *Merci Suárez Changes Gears* – Meg Medina
30. *Bridge to Terabithia* – Katherine Paterson
31. *Where the Red Fern Grows* - Wilson Rawls
32. *Moon Over Manifest* – Clare Vanderpool
33. *Kira-Kira* – Cynthia Kadohata
34. *Hatchet* – Gary Paulson
35. *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* – Brian Selznick
36. *Esperanza Rising* - Pam Muñoz Ryan
37. *The Dreamer* - Pam Muñoz Ryan
38. *Echo* – Pam Muñoz Ryan
39. *Stargirl* – Jerry Spinelli
40. *The Hobbit* – J.R.R. Tolkein
41. *The Westing Game* – Ellen Raskin
42. *The Time Quartet* (after you’ve read *A Wrinkle in Time*) – Madeline L’Engle
43. *Indian No More* – Charlene Willing McManis