

Summer 2021

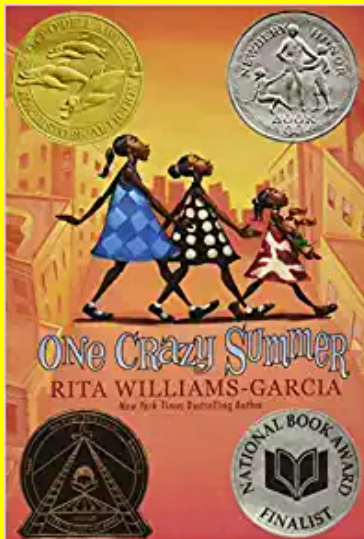
Dear Amani Families,

As you may know, Amani is offering Summer Book Clubs for each grade level (incoming 5th graders included) as part of our Summer School Enrichment/Tier 3 program. Although the summer reading assignment is required for all, summer book clubs are voluntary but offer a socially fun way to engage with the summer reading assignment with peers.

Students who sign up will meet with their Summer Book Club leader 4 times (meeting dates: Wednesdays July 7th, 21st and August 4th, 18th) via Zoom. *Times and Zoom link to be determined by the leader.*

Starting **June 7th**, scholars can sign up for Book Club and pick up their grade level book during Eagle Academy. If your scholar is not participating in Eagle Academy, you can come to the main office to pick up their book and sign them up for a book club.

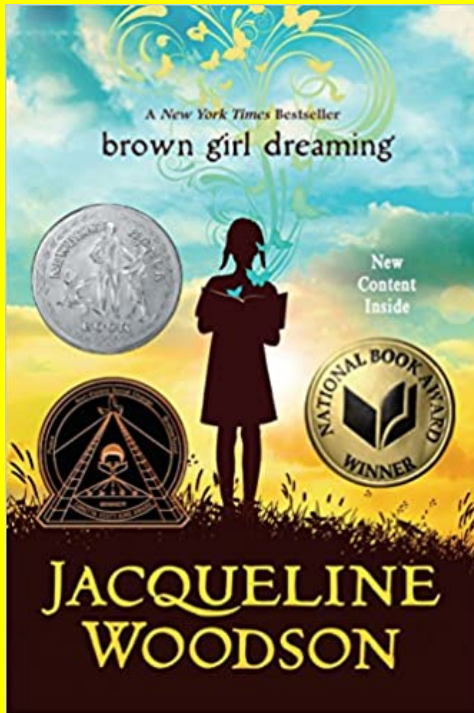
### Entering 5th Grade



#### 1. **One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia**

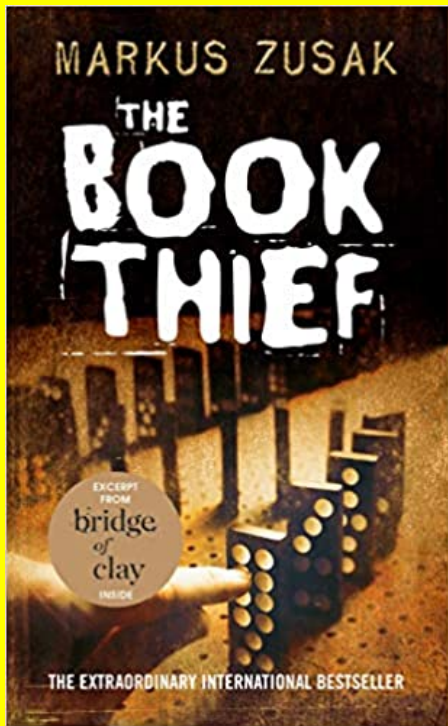
Through the eyes of eleven-year-old Delphine, readers experience life in Oakland, California, in 1968, during the height of the Black Panther movement. Delphine and her two younger sisters, Vonetta and Fern, spend a summer in Oakland visiting their estranged mother who sends them to spend their days at a camp run by the Black Panthers. Through it all, they build confidence in themselves and their relationships with others as they learn to challenge and respond to social issues in the community.

## Entering 6th Grade Reading Assignment

**Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson**

Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. Touching and powerful, each poem is both accessible and emotionally charged, each line a glimpse into a child's soul as she searches for her place in the world.

## Entering 7th Grade Reading Assignment



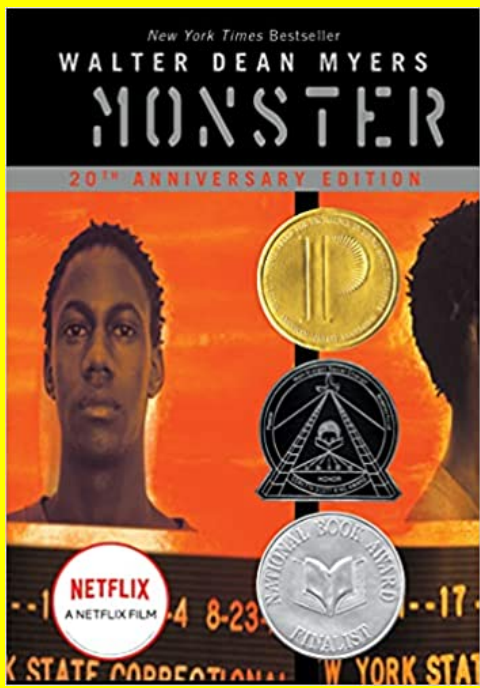
### **The Book Thief by Markus Zusak**

When Death has a story to tell, you listen.

It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still.

Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement.

## Entering 8th Grade Reading Assignment



### 1Monster by Walter Dean Myers

Steve Harmon is a teenage boy in juvenile detention and on trial. Presented as a screenplay of Steve's own imagination, and peppered with journal entries, the book shows how one single decision can change our whole lives. Now a major Motion Picture on Netflix.