



# GREENWICH ACADEMY

Dear Rising Group V Girls,

Welcome to Group V! I am excited to meet you in September! In preparation for the new school year, you will read three books. First, choose two from the attached “Summer Reading” list. These books come highly recommended by the current Group V girls. They are some of their favorites! Also, you will read *Words With Wings* by Nikki Grimes. The entire Middle School will read this book of poetry.

Attached you will also find two writing assignments that you should complete and bring with you on the first day of school. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [djohansen@greenwichacademy.org](mailto:djohansen@greenwichacademy.org).

I hope you have a relaxing and rejuvenating summer, and I look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,

Ms. Johansen  
Group V English Teacher

## **Summer Reading List: Choose TWO!**

Read TWO of the books below. These titles are available at local bookstores, libraries, and online. You do not need to bring your two summer reading books to school on the first day.

### **Realistic Fiction:**

*Handful of Stars* by Cynthia Lord

*Because of Mr. Terrupt* by Rob Buyea

*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

*The Vanderbeekers of 141 Street* by K. Glaser

*The Canyon's Edge* by Dusti Bowling

### **Fantasy:**

*The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate

*The Unwanteds* by Lisa M. Mann

*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl

*All the Answers* by Kate Messner

*How to Trap a Tiger* by Keller

### **Mystery:**

*Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein

*Masterminds* by Gordon Korman

*From the Desk of Zoe Washington* by Marks

*Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar

*Space Case* by Stuart Gibbs

## Rising Group V Summer Writing Assignments

### **Writing Assignment #1- “Switching Places!”**

Write a paragraph that answers this question: “If you could switch places with ANY book character and go on his or her adventures, which character would you become and why?” Your paragraph should include the name of the character, the title of the character’s book or series, and the reasons why you would want to become the character. The character can be from ANY book you’ve ever read. It does not need to be a character from one of your summer reading books.

You may type or handwrite your paragraph. You should have a topic sentence, six supporting detail sentences, and a conclusion sentence.

Please bring your paragraph to English class on the first day of school.

### **Writing Assignment #2- “I *Spy* Adventure!”**

1) Write a creative story based on this writing prompt-

“You receive a letter in the mail saying that you have been accepted into a Top- Secret Spy School. What happens when you get to this school? What is spy training like? Can you survive your first top-secret mission as a spy?”

Feel free to become any animal or magical creature! You could be a human, a unicorn, a gummy bear, etc. Get creative!

You may handwrite or type your story. The story should be 2-3 pages long. Be creative! If you would like to write a story that is longer than 3 pages, feel free!

Please bring your story to English class on the first day of school.