



# THE RUMSON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

## 2021 Summer Reading for Students Entering the Fifth Grade

### Required for Literature:

Sachar, *Holes*

Students are required to choose one additional book from the following list. Please note that some novels have film adaptations. It is imperative that students read the work before watching the film adaptation.

### Adventure/Survival

Avi, *Crispin Series\**  
Bow, *Stand on the Sky*  
Gratz, Alan, *Refugee*  
Paulsen, *Hatchet*  
Cameron, *A Dog's Journey*

### Mystery/Realistic Fiction

Balliett, *Chasing Vermeer*  
Bosch, *The Secret series*  
Buckley, *The Sisters Grimm\**  
Gibbs, *FunJungle\**  
Gibbs, *Spy School\**  
Grabenstein, *Mr. Lemoncello's Library\**  
Oh, *Spirit Hunters\**  
Stead, *Liar and Spy*  
Stewart, *The Mysterious Benedict Society\**  
VanDraanan, *Sammy Keyes\**

### Realistic Fiction

Agosin, *I Lived on Butterfly Hill*  
Applegate, *Home of the Brave*  
Applegate, *The One and Only Ivan*  
Buyea, *Saving Mr. Terupt*  
Choldenko, *Al Capone Does my Shirts*  
Crowder, *Parched*  
Draper, *Out of My Mind*  
Draper, *Stella by Starlight*  
Erskine, *Mockingbird*

### Realistic Fiction (continued)

Graf, *Absolutely Almost*  
Hiassen, *Hoot*  
Hunt, *Fish in a Tree*  
Holt, *When Zackary Beaver Came to Town*  
Korman, *Schooled*  
Levine, *Dave at Night*  
Lord, *Rules*  
Martin, *Rain, Reign, A Corner of the Universe*  
Mass, *Every Soul A Star*  
McKinlay, *Below*  
Myers, *Hoops*  
Palacio, *Auggie and Me*  
Palacio, *Wonder*  
Pennypacker, *Pax*  
Schmidt, *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*  
Selznick, *The Marvels*  
Sloan, *Counting by 7's*  
Smith, *Another Kind of Hurricane*  
Spinelli, *Stargirl*  
Williams-Garcia, *One Crazy Summer*  
Yang, *Front Desk\**  
Yep, *Ribbons*

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### Fantasy

Applegate, *Crenshaw*  
Clare, *City of Bones*  
Clements, *Things Not Seen*  
Chokshi, *Aru Shah and the End of Time*  
Cooper, *The Dark Is Rising Sequence\**  
DuPrau, *The City of Ember\**  
Ellis and Meloy, *Wildwood*  
Funke, *The Thief Lord*  
Kessler, *The Tail of Emily Windsnap*  
Law, *Savvy*  
L'Engle, *A Wrinkle in Time*  
Mass, *11 Birthdays*  
Nielsen, *Mark of The Thief, Ascendance Trilogy\**  
Opper, *The Nest*  
Paolini, *Eragon\**  
Riordan, *Gods of Olympus, Kane Chronicles\**  
Rowling, *Harry Potter\**  
Sciescka, *Guys Read\**

### Historical Fiction

Brink, *Caddie Woodlawn*  
Draper, *Stella by Starlight*  
Gantos, *Dead End in Norvelt*  
Gratz, *Allies*  
Park, *A Single Shard, A Long Walk to Water*  
Peck, *A Long Way from Chicago*

### Historical Fiction (continued)

Robinson, *The Hero Two Doors Down*  
Wolk, *Wolf Hollow*

### Sports Fiction

Green, *Football Hero\**  
Gutman, *Babe and Me\**  
Jeter, *The Contract\**  
Lupica, *Fast Break, Heat\**  
Morgan, *The Kicks\*, Breakaway: Beyond the Goal*

### Poetry/Verse

Alexander, *The Crossover*  
Fehler, *Beanball*  
Grimes, *Garvey's Choice*  
Lai, *Inside Out and Back Again*  
Lin, *When the Sea Turned to Silver*

### Classics

Burnett, *The Secret Garden*  
Du Bois, *The Twenty-One Balloons*  
Grahame, *The Wind in the Willows*  
Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables\**  
Sewell, *Black Beauty*  
Steinbeck, *The Red Pony*  
Wilder, *The Long Winter\**

### Graphic Novels

Bell, *El Deafo*

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### **Graphic Novels (continued)**

Chmakova, *Awkward*

Craft, *New Kid*

Hale, *Real Friends*

Holm, *Sunny Side Up, Middle School is  
Worse Than Meatloaf: A Year Told*

*Through Stuff*

Tarshis, *I Survived\**

Telgemeier, *Smile*

Series - *Show Me History*

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