



# THE RUMSON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

## 2022 Summer Reading for Students Entering the Eighth Grade:

### Required for Literature:

*Harbor Me* by Jacqueline Woodson

### Students are also required to choose one additional book from the following list:

*Born on a Blue Day* by Daniel Tammet

*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan

*Front Desk* by Kelly Yang

*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

*Out of my Mind* by Sharon Draper

*Refugee* by Alan Gratz

*Words on Fire* by Jennifer Nielsen

*When Stars Are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

**If your child wishes to read more than the two required books, the list below provides a wide selection of suggested texts. Please note that these additional texts may not be substituted for the required books.**

### Science Fiction and Fantasy

Anderson, *Memory Thief*

Bradbury, *The Illustrated Man*

Card, *Ender's Game*

Collins, *The Hunger Games\**

Colfer, *Artemis Fowl*

Dunn, *Ella Minnow Pea*

Farmer, *The House of the Scorpion*

Funke, *Inkheart*

Goldman, *The Princess Bride*

Sanderson, *Elantris*

Savage, *Karma Moon, Ghost Hunter*

### Non-Fiction

Crothers, *The Queen of Katwe*

Frank, *The Diary of a Young Girl*

Hickam, *Rocket Boys* (a.k.a. *October Sky*)

Hillenbrand, *Unbroken* (YA edition), *Seabiscuit*

Lewis, *Kids with Courage: True Stories about Young People Making a Difference*

Murphy, *Truce: The Day the Soldiers*

*Stopped Fighting*

Scott, *Buried Alive: How 33 Miners Survived 69*

*Days Deep Under the Chilean Desert*

Thornton, *The Ditchdigger's Daughters*

### Realistic Fiction

Buyea, *Because of Mr. Terupt* \*

Chopra, *Fire in the Heart*

Colfer, *The Reluctant Assassin*

Horvath, *My One Hundred Adventures*

Lipsyte, *The Contender*

Mass, *Jermery Fink and the Meaning of Life*

Pearson, *The Scribbler of Dreams*

Potok, *The Chosen*

Reynolds, *As Brave as You*

Soto, *Baseball in April and Other Stories*

Voight, *Homecoming*

### Mystery

Brown, *The DaVinci Code* (YA edition)

Christie, *And Then There Were None, Murder on the Orient Express*

Dowd, *Down the Rabbit Hole: An Echo Falls Mystery*

Grisham, *Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer*

Horowitz, *Stormbreaker* (Alex Rider series)

L'Engle, *The Young Unicorns*

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## **Historical Fiction**

Anderson, *Fever 1793*  
Fast, *April Morning*  
Gratz, *Ground Zero, Prisoner B-3087*  
Hahn, *Stepping on Cracks*  
Meissner, *A Fall of Marigolds*  
Nielsen, *A Night Divided*  
Otsuko, *When the Emperor Was Divine*  
Robinson, *The Hero Two Doors Down*  
Sepetys, *Salt to the Sea*  
Wein, *Code Name Verity*

## **Classics**

Alcott, *Little Women*  
Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*  
Doyle, *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*  
Hansberry, *A Raisin in the Sun*  
Hinton, *The Outsiders*  
Knowles, *A Separate Peace*

## **Poetry/Verse**

Alexander, *Booked*  
Grimes, *Words with Wings*  
Woodson, *Brown Girl Dreaming*

## **Graphic Novel/Manga**

Austen, Tse, *Pride and Prejudice*  
Lewis, *March I\**  
Montgomery, Chan, *Anne of Green Gables*  
Spiegelman, *Maus*  
Stevenson, *Nimona*  
Wood, *Into the Volcano, The Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans*

## **Sports Fiction**

Feinstein, *The Walk On*  
Lupica, *Heat*  
Ritter, *The Boy Who Saved Baseball*  
Van Draanen, *The Running Dream (YA edition)*

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