



THE RUMSON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

2023 Summer Reading for Students Entering the Fifth Grade

Required for Literature:

The Superteacher Project by Gordon Korman

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

Finally Seen by Kelly Yang

The One and Only Ruby by Katherine Applegate

Whale Done by Stuart Gibbs

The Smartest Kid in the Universe by Chris Graberstein

Out of My Heart by Sharon Draper

Iceberg by Jennifer Nielsen

School Trip by Jerry Craft

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.

Adventure/Survival

Avi, *Crispin* series*

Bow, *Stand on the Sky*

Gratz, *Refugee*

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*

Realistic Fiction (continued)

Choldenko, *Al Capone Does my Shirts*

Crowder, *Parched*

Draper, *Out of My Mind*

Draper, *Stella by Starlight*

Erskine, *Mockingbird*

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*

Medina, *Merci Suarez* series

McKinlay, *Below*

Myers, *Hoops*

Palacio, *Auggie and Me*

Palacio, *Wonder*

Schmidt, *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*

Selznick, *The Marvels*

Sloan, *Counting by 7's*

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Realistic Fiction (continued)

Smith, *Another Kind of Hurricane*
Spinelli, *Stargirl*
Williams-Garcia, *One Crazy Summer*
Yang, *Front Desk**
Yep, *Ribbons*

Fantasy

Applegate, *Crenshaw*
Clare, *City of Bones*
Clements, *Things Not Seen*
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*
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*
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*

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*
Chmakova, *Awkward*
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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