



THE RUMSON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

2023 Summer Reading for Students Entering the Eighth Grade:

Required for Literature:

Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt

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

The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team - Nonfiction - by Christina Soontornvat

Charlie Thorn and the Last Equation by Stuart Gibbs

We Dream of Space by Erin Entrada Kelly

Two Degrees by Alan Gratz

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson

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*

Woodson, *Harbour Me and Yang, Front Desk*

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*

Nobel, *The Mystery of Black Hollow Lane*

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Historical Fiction

Anderson, *Fever 1793*
Fast, *April Morning*
Gratz, *Ground Zero, Prisoner B-3087, Refugee*
Hahn, *Stepping on Cracks*
Meissner, *A Fall of Marigolds*
Nielsen, *A Night Divided, Words on Fire*
Otsuko, *When the Emperor Was Divine*
Robinson, *The Hero Two Doors Down*
Sepetys, *Salt to the Sea*
Stone, *Clean Getaway*
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, *Crossover series*
Grimes, *Words with Wings*
Woodson, *Brown Girl Dreaming*

Graphic Novel/Manga

Austen, Tse, *Pride and Prejudice*
Jamieson and Mohamed, *When Stars Are Scattered*
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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