



THE RUMSON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

2024 Summer Reading for Students Entering the Fifth Grade

Required:

The Lost Library by Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass

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

The Superteacher Project by Gordon Korman

The Eyes and The Impossible by Dave Eggers

Ferris by Kate DiCamil

The One and Only Family by Katherine Applegate

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullalee Hunt

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Hummingbird by Natalie Lloyd

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**
Oppel, *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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