



THE RUMSON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

2024 Summer Reading for Students Entering the Seventh Grade

Required:

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacey McAnulty

OR *The Absolute Value of Mike* by Kathryn Erskine

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

Heroes by Alan Gratz

Brian's Return: A Hatchet Adventure by Gary Paulsen

You Go First by Erin Entrada Kelly

The Book of Stolen Dreams by David Parr

Born Reading: 20 Stories of Women Their Way into History by Kathleen Krull and Virginia Loh-Hagan

The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart

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*

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*

Realistic Fiction (continued)

Potok, *The Chosen*

Reynolds, *As Brave as You*

Soto, *Baseball in April and Other Stories*

Voight, *Homecoming*

Woodson, *Harbour Me and Yang*, *Front Desk*

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*

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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 Hallow Lane*

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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