



# THE RUMSON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

## 2024 Summer Reading for Students Entering the Seventh Grade

### 7 Grade Required for Literature:

*The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* by Stacey McAnulty

*The Absolute Value of Mercy* 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 Hollow 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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