

**Rumson Country Day School
2014 Summer Reading**

Entering 7th Grade:

Required for Literature Class:

Lowry, *The Giver*
(plus one more book from our list)

Required for Social Studies:

Li, *Snow Falling in Spring*

Entering 8th Grade:

Required for Literature Class:

Goldman, *The Princess Bride*
(plus two more books from our list)

Required for Social Studies:

Anderson, *Chains*

Science Fiction and Fantasy

Bradbury, *The Illustrated Man*
Card, *Ender's Game*
Dunn, *Ella Minnow Pea*
Farmer, *The House of the Scorpion*
Gaiman, *Coraline*
Sanderson, *Elantris*
Tolkien, *The Hobbit*
Westerfield, *Uglies*
Pullman, *The Subtle Knife**
Pullman, *The Amber Spyglass**

Realistic Fiction

Horvath, *My One Hundred Adventures*
Lipsyte, *The Contender*
Pearson, *The Scribbler of Dreams*
Potok, *The Chosen*
Soto, *Baseball in April and Other Stories*
Voight, *Homecoming*

Non-fiction

Crothers, *The Queen of Katwe*
Frank, *The Diary of a Young Girl*
Hickam, *Rocket Boys* (a.k.a. *October Sky*)
Hillenbranch, *Seabiscuit*
Krakauer, *Into Thin Air*
Tammet, *Born on a Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant*
Thornton, *The Ditchdigger's Daughters*

Mystery

Christie, *And Then There Were None*
Christie, *Murder on the Orient Express*
L'Engle, *The Young Unicorns*

Historical Fiction

Anderson, *Fever 1793*
Fast, *April Morning*
Otsuko, *When the Emperor Was Divine*
Ryan, *Esperanza Rising*
Wein, *Code Name Verity*
Zusack, *The Book Thief*

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*
White, *The Sword in the Stone*

***Please note:** This entire page of suggestions is available
for both 7th and 8th graders from which to choose.

The two exceptions are Pullman's novels, which are for rising 8th graders only.

**Reading 30 minutes per day will maintain your reading level.
Reading more could boost your reading level!**