

Rumson Country Day School

2020 Summer Reading List Entering 5th Grade:

Rising 5th Graders must read THREE books over the summer.

Required Reading: Sachar, *Holes*

NOTE: There will be a test assessing understanding of the novel *Holes* during our first week in school. Answers will differ regarding the book and the movie. Viewing the movie before school starts could lead to confusion and incorrect responses on the test. Once we have returned to school, we will watch the movie together to compare it to the book.

In addition to *Holes*, students select two other books from this list.

Adventure

Avi, *Crispin Series**

Paulsen, *Hatchet*

Cameron, *A Dog's Journey*

Holt, *When Zackary Beaver Came to Town*

Korman, *Schooled*

Levine, *Dave at Night*

Lord, *Rules*

Martin, *Rain, Reign, A Corner of the Universe*

Mystery/Realistic Fiction

Balliett, *Chasing Vermeer*

Gibbs, *FunJungle**

Gibbs, *Spy School**

Stead, *Liar and Spy*

Stewart, *The Mysterious Benedict Society**

Mass, *Every Soul A Star*

McKinlay, *Below*

Myers, *Hoops*

Palacio, *Auggie and Me*

Palacio, *Wonder*

Pennypacker, *Pax*

Schmidt, *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*

Realistic Fiction

Agosin, *I Lived on Butterfly Hill*

Applegate, *Home of the Brave*

Applegate, *The One and Only Ivan*

Buyea, *Saving Mr. Terupt*

Choldenko, *Al Capone Does my Shirts*

Crowder, *Parched*

Draper, *Out of My Mind*

Draper, *Stella by Starlight*

Erskine, *Mockingbird*

Green, *Football Hero*

Hiassen, *Hoot*

Hunt, *Fish in a Tree*

Selznick, *The Marvels*

Sloan, *Counting by 7's*

Smith, *Another Kind of Hurricane*

Spinelli, *Stargirl*

Williams-Garcia, *One Crazy Summer*

Yep, *Ribbons*

Fantasy

Applegate, *Crenshaw*

Clare, *City of Bones*

Clements, *Things Not Seen*

Chokshi, *Aru Shah and the End of Time*
Cooper, *The Dark Is Rising Sequence**
DuPrau, *The City of Ember**
Ellis and Meloy, *Wildwood*
Funke, *The Thief Lord*
Law, *Savvy*
L'Engle, *A Wrinkle in Time*
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*
Gantos, *Dead End in Norvelt*
Park, *A Single Shard*
Peck, *A Long Way from Chicago*

Poetry/Verse

Alexander, *The Crossover*
Fehler, *Beanball*
Lai, *Inside Out and Back Again*
Lin, *When the Sea Turned to Silver*

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*
Holm, *Sunny Side Up*
Telgemeier, *Smile*

* Any title in the series is acceptable.

Some of the novels on this list have been produced as films. While there is value in viewing a director's interpretation of a novel, it cannot replace an individual's reading experience. Readers, especially middle school students, remember their first encounter with literature more accurately in the written form. Therefore, it is imperative that any novel on this list be read BEFORE a movie is seen.

**Reading 30 minutes per day will
maintain one's reading level.
Reading more could boost one's reading
level.**