

# The Schenck School

## Summer Reading for Rising Fifth Grade 2017

(1) = lower reading level

(4) = higher reading level

Read the required book along with 2 free choice for a **total of 3 books**. Complete and mail or email [summerreading@schenck.org](mailto:summerreading@schenck.org) the attached form for the books you've read. The following list is to be used for suggestions and a guide in choosing your 2 free choice books.

**Required Reading:** Wonder by Patricia Palaco (2)

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunts and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

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Abner and Me Dan Gutman (1)

With his ability to travel through time using baseball cards and photographs, thirteen-year-old Joe and his mother go back to 1863 to ask Abner Doubleday whether he invented baseball but instead find themselves in the middle of the battle of Gettysburg.

Airborn Kenneth Oppel (4)

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface. *High adventure for both boys and girls.* Sequel: Skybreaker

Moving Day Meg Cabot (3-4)

Nine-year-old Allie Finkle has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules. Sequel: The New Girl, Best Friends and Drama Queens, plus other books in this series. *Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls Series*

Artemis Fowl Eoin Colfer (4)

Twelve-year-old evil genius Artemis Fowl tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, but the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll. *You may also choose other books in this series.*

The City of Ember Jeanne DuPrau (4)

In the city of Ember, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions. One of four in this series. *Book of Ember Series*

Hot Hand, Two Minute Drill, Long Shot, Safe at Home Mike Lupica (3)

Hot Hand- In the wake of his parents' separation, ten-year-old Billy seems to have continual conflicts with his father, who is also his basketball coach, but his quiet, younger brother Ben, a piano prodigy, is having even more trouble adjusting, and only Billy seems to notice. *The other books in the series have similar plot lines but involve different sports.*

Public Enemy Number Two Anthony Horowitz (4)

Nick Diamond is framed for a jewelry robbery, and shares a cell with Johnny Powers, who is a notorious criminal, and it is up to Nick's older half-witted brother, Tim, to break them out of jail so he can diffuse a time bomb. Also The Falcon's Malteser (1) and South by Southeast (4) *Diamond Brothers Mystery Series*

The Doll People Ann Martin (2)

A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor. Also, The Meanest Doll in the World or other books in this series.

**Dragon Rider** Cornelia Funke (2)

After learning that humans are headed toward his hidden home, Firedrake, a silver dragon, is joined by a brownie and an orphan boy in a quest to find the legendary valley known as the Rim of Heaven, encountering friendly and unfriendly creatures along the way, and struggling to evade the relentless pursuit of an old enemy.

**Found** Margaret Peterson Haddix (3)

When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time.

Sequels: **Sent** , **Sabotaged**

**Gregor the Overlander** Suzanne Collins (4)

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy. *Also, you may choose other books in this series,*

**Heat** Mike Lupica (3)

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof. *This is a great read that will appeal to athletes of both sexes.*

Also, you may choose **any** other books by Mike Lupica, such as **Travel Team**, **Summer Ball**, **The Big Field**, and **Miracle on 49<sup>th</sup> Street**.

**Hero** Mike Lupica (2)

Fourteen-year-old Zach learns he has the same special abilities as his father, who was the president's globe-trotting troubleshooter until "the Bads" killed him, and now Zach must decide whether to use his powers in the same way at the risk of his own life.

**The Lost Hero** Rick Riordan (3)

Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students from a school for "bad kids," find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself. *Any available books in this series are acceptable.*

**Lily's Crossing** Patricia Reilly Giff (3)

During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.

**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** C. S. Lewis (3)

Four English school children find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch who has cursed the land with eternal winter. ***Chronicles of Narnia Series***

**Magyk** Angie Sage (4)

Jenna learns that she is a princess found as a baby by the man she believed was her father and now she and Septimus, who was taken at birth by the midwife, are being threatened by the evil wizard, DomDaniel who intends to finish off the entire royal line. Also **Flyte**, **Physik**, **Queste**, later books in the series

**The Mighty Miss Malone** Christopher Paul Curtis (3)

Deza Malone, the smartest girl in her class in Gary, Indiana, accompanies her mother and older brother on a trip to find her father, an African American man who left to find work after the Great Depression hit. They end up in a Hooverville outside of Flint, Michigan, and her brother attempts to be a performer while Deza and her mother search for a home.

**Night of the Howling Dogs** Graham Salisbury (1)

Eleven Boy Scouts, their leaders, and some new friends camping at Halape, Hawaii, find their survival skills put to the test when a massive earthquake strikes, followed by a tsunami. *VERY exciting! If you like adventure and danger, this is the book for you.*

**The One and Only Ivan** Katherine Applegate (2)

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life. *This year's Newbery award winner is loosely based on the story of Zoo Atlanta's gorilla Ivan, who died last August. A quick read and good story.*

**The Penderwicks: a Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy**

Jeanne Birdsall (3)

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother. Also, you may read any other books in this series

**Penny from Heaven** Jennifer Holm (2)

As she turns twelve during the summer of 1953, Penny gains new insights into herself and her family while also learning a secret about her father's death. *Interesting insights into the dynamics of two very different families as well as the treatment of Italian-Americans during World War II. Newbery Honor*

**The Lightning Thief** *Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series* Rick Riordan (2)

After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. Also **The Sea of Monsters**, **The Titan's Curse**, **The Battle of the Labyrinth** and **The Last Olympian**

**Peter and the Starcatchers** Dave Barry (4)

Peter, an orphan boy, and his friend Molly fight off thieves and pirates in order to keep the secret safe away from the diabolical Black Stache and his evil associate Mister Grin. Other books in the series include **Peter and the Secret of Rundoon**, **Peter and the Shadow Thieves** and **Peter and the Sword of Mercy**.

**The Poppy Series** Avi and Brian Floca (2)

Poppy, a deer mouse, urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas. *Poppy, Poppy and Ereth, Poppy and Rye, etc.*

**Rules** Cynthia Lord (1)

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with an young paraplegic.

**Runt** Marion Dane Bauer (2)

Runt, the smallest wolf cub in the litter, seeks to prove himself to his father King and the rest of the pack and to earn a new name. Runt, the smallest wolf cub in the litter, seeks to prove himself to his father King and the rest of the pack and to earn a new name.

**Skeleton Man** Joseph Bruchac (2)

After her parents disappear and she is turned over to the care of a strange "great-uncle," Molly must rely on her dreams about an old Mohawk story for her safety and maybe even for her life.

**Stormbreaker** *Alex Rider Mysteries* Anthony Horowitz (4)

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

Also **Ark Angel** (*good audio*), **Eagle Strike**, **Point Blank**, **Scorpia**, **Skeleton Key**, **Snakehead**

**The Tail of Emily Windsnap**

Liz Kessler (2)

After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world. *Also, other books in this series.*

**Trapped in Death Cave**

Bill Wallace (1)

A posthumous letter referring to buried treasure convinces Gary that his grandfather did not die a natural death and, with his friend Brian, he sets out to find both the treasure and his grandfather's killer. *Don't read this if you're scared of snakes! Think Indiana Jones.*

**Willow Run**

Patricia Reilly Giff (1)

Eleven-year-old Meggie Dillon shares her feelings and experiences on the home front during World War II after her family moves from Rockaway, New York to Willow Run, Michigan.

**Any books on the current nominee list for the Georgia Children's Book Award:**