

## Rising IVth Form Summer Reading 2020

Dear Parents,

As we conclude the first term of distance learning in Rumsey Hall School's history, our teachers have taken time to reflect on the lessons to be gleaned from this challenging experience. Among those teachings, we have come to understand that parents and students value both structure and personal agency in these uncertain times. To support these sentiments as well as the development of your child's literacy, Rumsey Hall has created a Summer Reading Program that includes a balance of choice and accountability.

**Students must read at least three books over the summer, one of which must have been nominated for the Nutmeg 2021 Book Award.** You will find this year's nominees attached to this letter. We recognize that our students read across a variety of grade levels, and so their choices are not limited to titles designated for their age range. Please read through the book summaries with your child to gauge their interest level in each story premise. In addition to their reading, English teachers ask that their incoming students complete a "One Pager" assignment before the onset of the 2020-2021 school year. Borrowed from Lisa Page, a One Pager combines written and artistic responses to a student's book of choice. Please see [Lisa Page's presentation](#) and the English Department's [grading rubric](#) for more information about this assignment.

While the ability to independently select summer reading titles will be an exciting prospect for many students, we recognize that it may present unease for some. Rumsey Hall encourages you to reach out to Valerie DiLorenzo, Library Media Specialist [vdilorenzo@rumseyhall.org](mailto:vdilorenzo@rumseyhall.org) or me if you experience difficulty selecting engaging books for your child. At its best, the reading experience is a partnership between student, parent, and educator, and we hope that you enjoy taking part in it.

Sincerely,

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[2021 Nutmeg Intermediate Nominees](#)

[2021 Nutmeg Middle School Nominees](#)

## **Rising IVth Form Math 2020**

Students should complete their *Summer Math Skills Sharpener* book and bring the completed book back on the first day of school.

- This book is intended to review and sharpen their math skills over the summer without added screen time.
- This program is meant to be used 3 - 4 times per week for 10 weeks so that students are exposed to all important concepts from the beginning of summer to the end. Each day's work should take about 20-30 minutes to complete.
- Parent Note: Each book includes tutorial help pages for students and parents to review. Please be sure to look over the "Instructions for Parents" page and don't forget to check over their work as you go (you might also want to pull the answer pages out of your child's book for your reference).

Sincerely,

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