

June 2020

Dear Parents,

We would like each incoming fifth grader to read three books this summer and complete a brief assignment on one of the books.

The first selection is ***Just like Rube Goldberg*** by: Sarah Aronson. All students in grades 3-5 will be reading this selection. The second book is ***One-third Nerd*** by Gennifer Choldenko. The third book is a book of choice. We have put a star near the ones below that may work for your child. Your child may choose books from the list below or any of the previous year's Rhode Island Children's Book Award lists or an author of interest.

New students may choose their books from these places as well. *For parents' information: the Reading level represents the grade, i.e., 5.2 indicates fifth grade level with the second number indicating degree of difficulty. A book at level 5.8 would be more complicated to read than level 5.2. Please help your child choose books appropriate for her/his reading ability. Also, be sure to pre-read the books your child may choose. Just because the reading level is fifth grade, the content may not be appropriate for this age group. If your child is reading at a higher reading level, this is especially important.*

The assignments are attached. Use the book ***One-third Nerd*** to complete both pages.

Sincerely,

Alison Donovan

Keleigh DeSocio

*Awesome Dog 500* by Justin Dean

\**Because of the Rabbit* by Cynthia Lord

\**The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Rauf

*A Drop of Hope* by Keith Calabrese

*Dear Justice League* by Michael Northrop

*Gross as Snot Otter; Discovering the World's Most Disgusting Animals* by Jess Keating

*Inkling* by Kenneth Oppel

*Max and the Midnights* by Lincoln Peirce

\**Nina Soni, Best Friend* by Kashmera Sheth

*Out of My Shell* by Jenny Goebel

*Over the Moon* by Natalie Lloyd

\**Pie in the Sky* by Remy Lai

*The Proudest Blue* by Ibtihaj Muhamma

\**Scouts* by Shannon Greenland

\**Shouting in the Rain* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

*Titan and the Wild Boar; The True Cave Rescue of the Thai Soccer Team* by Susan Hood and Pathana Sornhiran

*The Undefeated* by Kwame Alexander

\**Wildfire* by Rodman Philbrick

## AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL COLLAGE PROJECT

Liam struggles with his family. His little sisters drive him crazy, especially Dakota. He is also struggling with the landlord and trying to find a cure for his dog's "issue". He learns a lot about himself and his family throughout the book.

We are encouraged to explore our own history to learn more about ourselves, our family and our own stories. Each student is asked to find and cut out words or pictures from magazines or newspapers to answer the following questions. If the exact word can't be found, students can cut out letters to spell the word. Words and images can be glued in a **collage format** to create their piece of art. Please do not just answer the questions, but create a collage. Poster/paper should be 8 ½ x 11 or larger.

- What are three words that best describe you?
- What is your best personality trait?
- What are you really good at?
- What do you love?
- What makes you happy?
- What is an image or word that represents your family?
- What do you want to do when you grow up?
- What is something you believe in?
- What do you wish for?
- What inspires you?
- Who do you admire?
- What challenge did you overcome?
- What is a word or image that represents something you are proud of?

### Story Map for Realistic Fiction (*One-third Nerd*)

Main Character (Who the story is happening to?)	Supporting Character
Age and About Him/Her	Age and About Him/Her
Where does the story take place? Be descriptive.	
What is the Problem? (Beginning, use details to describe)	
What big thing happens to change the story? (Middle, use details to describe)	
How is the problem resolved? (End, use details to describe)	