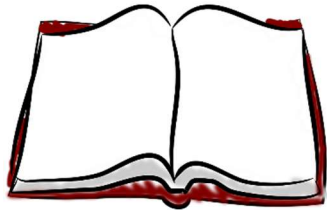


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Famous Author to visit CHMS:

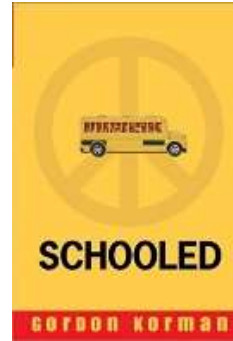
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GORDON KORMAN



Gordon Korman is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of more than 75 books for kids and young adults. His writing career began at the age of twelve when his seventh-grade English assignment became his first novel, which was then published while he was a freshman in high school. Now, decades later, he is a full-time writer, with more than 17 million copies of his novels in print. His books have been translated into 14 languages. Nickelodeon recently brought Gordon Korman's New York Times bestselling Swindle series to life in a made-for-TV movie. Each year, Gordon travels extensively, visiting schools, libraries and conferences, bringing his trademark humor and adventurous style to readers everywhere. What is the secret of Gordon's success? "It's a combination between real life and pure imagination," he says. "I always start off with something real, but then I unleash my imagination to make it more exciting, funnier, or a better story. To be honest, by the time a book is done, you can't recognize much of the real-life part. It's been changed too much. But I never could have gotten there without it." A native of Canada, Gordon now lives with his family in Great Neck, New York.

Extreme Readers of CHMS began a new novel!



***Schooled* by Gordon Korman**

Capricorn (Cap) Anderson has always been home-schooled until his teacher and hippie grandma, Rain, falls out of a tree. Now he goes to Claverage Middle school and stays with Mrs. Donnelly and her daughter Sophie. At school, Cap sticks out like a sore thumb. He gets elected eighth grade president to boot! But being president wasn't what Cap wanted. Not at all! At home, Sophie is giving him a hard time, but when Cap goes missing, everyone gets worried and thinks he died. They even plan a memorial from him. Did Cap really die? And how will he survive public school until Rain is better again?

Supporting Literacy at Home: More Tips for Parents of Middle School Students:

- *Remind your child that adults also have "homework". (ie reports, research, paperwork, etc.) This allows your child to see the connection between reading and REAL life.**
- *Encourage your child to put away the electronics before bed. Require them to unwind by reading 20-30 minutes nightly.**
- *Try to read the same book your child is reading. This allows you to have meaningful discussions about the text. It's also valuable to take turns reading aloud to one another. As a parent you can stop frequently to check for understanding.**