



Shady Side Academy

Summer Reading

2022

SIXTH GRADE Summer Reading List

Directions: You will read at least **four** books this summer for summer reading. Choose **three** or more books from different genres on the list. Then read *Front Desk* toward the end of the summer so that it is fresh in your mind when school starts.

All-form book required for all incoming sixth graders

Yang, Kelly

Front Desk

Recent immigrants from China and desperate for work and money, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel in Southern California. Mia works the front desk and tries to cope with demanding customers and other recent immigrants--not to mention being only one of two Chinese students in her fifth-grade class.

Hot off the Press!

Barnhill, Kelly

The Ogress and the Orphans

Stone-in-the-Glen, once a lovely town, has fallen on hard times. The people put their faith in the Mayor, a dazzling fellow who promises he alone can help. After all, he is a famous dragon slayer. (At least, no one has seen a dragon in his presence.) Only the clever children of the Orphan House and the kindly Ogress at the edge of town can see how dire the town's problems are.

Higuera, Donna Barba

The Last Cuentista

Petra Peña wanted nothing more than to be a storyteller, like her abuelita, but Petra's world is ending. Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred scientists and their children – among them Petra and her family – have been chosen to journey to a new planet. They are the ones who must carry on the human race.

Kelly, Erin Entrada

Those Kids from Fawn Creek

There are twelve kids in the seventh grade at Fawn Creek Middle School. They've been together all their lives. And in this small factory town where everyone knows everything about everyone, that's not necessarily a great thing.



Korman, Gordon

Linked

Link, Michael, and Dana live in a quiet town. But it's woken up very quickly when someone sneaks into school and vandalizes it with a swastika. Because Michael was the first person to see it, he's the first suspect. Because Link is one of the most popular guys in school, everyone's looking to him to figure it out. And because Dana's the only Jewish girl in the whole town, everyone's treating her more like an outsider than ever. How could such a symbol of hate end up in the middle of their school? Who would do such a thing?

Classics

Aiken, Joan

Wolves of Willoughby Chase

Wicked wolves and a grim governess threaten Bonnie and her cousin Sylvia when Bonnie's parents leave Willoughby Chase for a sea voyage. Left in the care of the cruel Miss Slighcarp, the girls can hardly believe what is happening to their once happy home.

Cooper, Susan

The Dark is Rising

On his eleventh birthday Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical Signs that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark.

Curtis, Christopher Paul

Bud Not Buddy

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

Montgomery, L.M.

Anne of Green Gables or any in the series

Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.

Paulsen, Gary

Hatchet

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

Rawls, Wilson

Where the Red Fern Grows

A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.



Fantasy

Alston, B.B.

Amari and the Night Brothers

Amari Peters has never stopped believing her missing brother, Quinton, is alive. Not even when the police told her otherwise, or when she got in trouble for standing up to bullies who said he was gone for good. When she finds a ticking briefcase in his closet, containing a nomination for a summer tryout at the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, she's certain the secretive organization holds the key to locating Quinton

Cervantes, J.C.

Storm Runner or any in the series

To prevent the Mayan gods from battling each other and destroying the world, thirteen-year-old Zane must unravel an ancient prophecy, stop an evil god, and discover how the physical disability that makes him reliant on a cane also connects him to his father and his ancestry.

Chainani, Soman

The School for Good and Evil or any in the series

Best friends Sophie (princess wannabe) and Agatha (witchy loner) are headed (via kidnapping) to the School for Good and Evil, but their assumed destinies are reversed.

Chokshi, Roshani

Aru Shah and the End of Time or any in the series

Twelve-year-old Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon.

Kelly, Erin Entrada

Lalani of the Distant Sea

Twelve-year-old Lalani Sarita takes on the impossible task of traveling to the legendary Mount Isa, towering on an island to the north. Generations of men and boys have died on the same quest--how can a timid young girl in a tiny boat survive the epic tests of the archipelago?

Nielsen, Jennifer

The False Prince or its sequels

In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.

General Fiction

Bajaj, Varsh

Count Me In

Karina Chopra would have never imagined becoming friends with the boy next door, but one afternoon something unimaginable happens--the three of them are assaulted by a stranger who targets Indian-American Karina and her grandfather because of how they look. Her grandfather is gravely injured and Karina and Chris vow not to let hate win.



Draper, Sharon

Blended

Piano-prodigy Isabella, eleven, whose black father and white mother struggle to share custody, never feels whole, especially as racial tensions affect her school, her parents both become engaged, and she and her stepbrother are stopped by police.

Harrell, Rob

Wink

Ross Maloy just wants to be a normal seventh grader. He doesn't want to lose his hair, or wear a weird hat, or deal with the disappearing friends who don't know what to say to "the cancer kid." But with his recent diagnosis of a rare eye cancer, blending in is off the table.

Kim, Jessica

Stand Up, Yumi Chung!

When eleven-year-old Yumi Chung stumbles into a kids' comedy camp she is mistaken for another student, so she decides to play the part.

Magoon, Kekla

The Season of Styx Malone

Then Caleb and Bobby Gene meet new neighbor Styx Malone who promises the brothers that together, the three of them can pull off the Great Escalator Trade--exchanging one small thing for something better until they achieve their wildest dream. But as the trades get bigger, the brothers soon find themselves in over their heads.

Sloan, Holly Goldberg

The Elephant in the Room

Sila meets a grandfatherly man who only months before won the state lottery. Their new alliance leads to the rescue of a circus elephant named Veda, and then to a friendship with an unusual boy named Mateo, proving that comfort and hope come in the most unlikely of places.

Historical Fiction

Hiranandani, Veera

The Night Diary

It's 1947, and India, newly independent of British rule, has been separated into two countries: Pakistan and India. The divide has created much tension between Hindus and Muslims, and hundreds of thousands are killed crossing borders. When Papa decides it's too dangerous to stay in what is now Pakistan, Nisha and her family become refugees.

Lezotte, Clare Ann

Show Me a Sign

Mary Lambert has always felt safe and protected on her beloved island of Martha's Vineyard. Many people there -- including Mary -- are deaf, and nearly everyone can communicate in sign language. A cunning young scientist has arrived, hoping to discover the origin of the island's prevalent deafness. His maniacal drive to find answers soon renders Mary a "live specimen" in a cruel experiment.



Park, Linda Sue

Prairie Lotus

Fourteen-year old Hanna is half-Chinese and half-white. After her mother's death, Hanna and her father move from California to the Dakota Territory. Starting life over on the prairie, Hanna's father hopes to start a dress goods store, and Hanna hopes to design dresses. But she must first overcome the same prejudice and racist attitudes that killed her mother.

Patterson, James and Kwame Alexander

Becoming Muhammed Ali

Before he was a household name, Cassius Clay was a kid with struggles like any other. The book depicts his life up to age seventeen in both prose and verse, including his childhood friends, struggles in school, the racism he faced, and his discovery of boxing.

Whelan, Gloria

Angel on the Square

In the fall of 1914, safe behind palace walls, Katya Ivanova sees St. Petersburg as a magical place, but outside the palace, a terrible war is sweeping through Europe, and Russia is beginning to crumble under the weight of a growing revolution. Now, as Katya's once-certain future begins to dissolve, she must seek to understand what is happening to her beloved country and, for the first time in her life, take charge of her own destiny.

Memoir and Nonfiction

Broskol, Vera

Be Prepared

Fitting in isn't easy for a Russian girl in the suburbs. Her friends live in fancy houses and their parents can afford to send them to the best summer camps. Vera's single mother can't afford that sort of luxury, but there's one summer camp in her price range--Russian summer camp. Nothing could prepare her for all the 'cool girl' drama, endless Russian history lessons, and outhouses straight out of nightmares.

Cox, Lynne

Grayson

The author describes how, while training for a long-distance swim off the coast of California, she encountered a baby gray whale that had become separated from its mother and had been following her instead, and her efforts to find the baby's mother.

Murphy, Jim

American Plague

1793, Philadelphia: The nation's capital and the largest city in North America is devastated by an apparently incurable disease, cause unknown. This dramatic narrative describes the illness known as yellow fever and the toll it took on the city's residents, relating the epidemic to the social and political events of the day and eighteenth-century medical beliefs and practices.



Rinaldi, Tom

The Red Bandana (Young Readers Edition)

On September 11, 2001, Welles was at his job on the 104th floor of the South Tower of the World Trade Center when the Twin Towers were attacked. What he did next would alter the course of many lives.

Soontornvat, Christina

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team

On June 23, 2018, twelve young players of the Wild Boars soccer team and their coach enter a cave in northern Thailand seeking an afternoon's adventure. But when they turn to leave, rising floodwaters block their path out. The boys are trapped! Before long, news of the missing team spreads, launching a seventeen-day rescue operation involving thousands of rescuers from around the globe.

Walker, Paul Robert

Pride of Puerto Rico: The Life of Roberto Clemente

A biography of the baseball superstar from Puerto Rico who, before his untimely death in a 1972 airplane crash, was noted for his achievements on and off the baseball field.

Mystery

Black, Holly

Doll Bones

Zach, Alice, and Poppy, friends from a Pennsylvania middle school who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures, embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl.

Johnson, Varian

The Great Greene Heist or sequel

Jackson Greene swears he's given up scheming. Then school bully Keith Sinclair announces he's running for Student Council president, against Jackson's former friend Gaby de la Cruz. Gaby wants Jackson to stay out of it -- but he knows Keith has "connections" to the principal, which could win him the presidency no matter the vote count. Together they devise a plan that will take down Keith, win Gaby's respect, and make sure the election is done right.

Levy, Dana Allison

It Wasn't Me

When Theo's photography project is mysteriously vandalized at school there are five suspected students who all say "it wasn't me." Theo just wants to forget about the humiliating incident but his favorite teacher is determined to get to the bottom of it and has the six of them come into school over vacation to talk. She calls it "Justice Circle." The six students think of it as detention. That is until they realize they might get along after all, despite their differences. But what is everyone hiding and will school ever be the same?



Springer, Nancy

The Case of the Missing Marquess: An Enola Holmes Mystery or any in the series

When Enola Holmes, the much younger sister of detective Sherlock Holmes, discovers her mother has disappeared, she knows she alone can find her. Disguising herself as a grieving widow, Enola sets out to the heart of London to uncover her mother's whereabouts, but not even the last name Holmes can prepare her for what awaits.

Stroud, Jonathan

The Screaming Staircase or any in the series

A sinister Problem has occurred in London: all nature of ghosts, haunts, spirits, and specters are appearing throughout the city, and they aren't exactly friendly. Only young people have the psychic abilities required to see-and eradicate-these supernatural foes. Many different Psychic Detection Agencies have cropped up to handle the dangerous work, and they are in fierce competition for business.

Westerfeld, Scott

Horizon or its sequels

When Aero Horizon 16 crashes in the Arctic, eight children emerge from the wreckage to find themselves alone and surrounded, not by ice, but by a mysterious and deadly jungle full of carnivorous plants and predatory birds--the other five hundred people from the plane are gone, not necessarily dead, but taken by something that lives in the jungle.

Science Fiction

DuPrau, Jeanne

City of Ember or any in the series

Ember, built as a last refuge for the human race, is running out of power two hundred years later, but twelve-year-old Lina thinks there may yet be hope when she finds part of an ancient message that may hold a key to getting out of the city.

Emerson, Kevin

Last Day on Mars or any in the series

Liam Saunders-Chang is one of the last humans left on Mars. Liam, along with his friend Phoebe, will be on the last starliner to depart before Mars, like Earth before it, is destroyed...Or so he thinks. Because before this day is over, Liam and Phoebe will make a series of profound discoveries about the nature of time and space and find out that the human race is just one of many in our universe locked in a dangerous struggle for survival.

Hernandez, Carlos

Sal & Gabi Break the Universe or any in the series

In order to heal after his mother's death, thirteen-year-old Sal learns to reach into time and space to retrieve things--and people--from other universes.

L'Engle, Madeleine

A Wrinkle in Time or any in the series

Meg and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.



Oppel, Kenneth

Bloom or its sequels

The invasion begins with rain. Rain that carries seeds. Seeds that sprout--overnight, everywhere. These new plants take over crop fields, twine up houses, and burrow below streets. They bloom--and release toxic pollens. They bloom--and form Venus flytrap-like pods that swallow animals and people.

Shusterman, Neal

Tesla's Attic

With a plot combining science and the supernatural, four kids are caught up in a dangerous plan concocted by the eccentric inventor Nikola Tesla.

