



SHADY SIDE ACADEMY

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Entering Sixth Grader,

This year's summer reading list includes some exciting new titles as well as wonderful books that have stood the test of time. **You will read four books from this list: the required book, *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang, and three books of your choice from the list of options.** In sixth grade English, we will be considering the complicated question "What is identity?" as seen through various books. As you read your summer books, begin to think about how this concept might connect to them. We will discuss this when we are together.

Please purchase the paperback copy of *Front Desk* (ISBN: 978-1338157826) so that we can refer to specific pages when we discuss the book at the beginning of the school year. **In preparation for our work with the novel, please fill out the [plot diagram worksheet](#).** Your notes about *Front Desk* on this worksheet will help you remember details when you complete assignments.

In addition to *Front Desk*, you will have the chance to choose at least three interesting new titles from the summer reading list. **Please be sure to make your selections from three different genres;** this is an opportunity to enjoy your favorite genre as well as try something new. The website Commonsensemedia.org might be helpful in determining if a book's content is suitable.

As you finish reading your three selections, complete the [Summer Reading Reflections](#) assignment, and bring it to school with you in August. It is not necessary to bring copies of your choice books to school; feel free to borrow your three selections from the library or read them digitally. I recommend that you read the three choice books first and save *Front Desk* for August so it will be fresh in your mind when you come to school.

Enjoy your summer! I look forward to meeting you in August.

Happy reading!
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