

SSA Junior School & Country Day Suggested Summer Reading 2022



Dear Shady Side Academy families,

As daylight lengthens and stretches towards summer, it is time for students to reach out and read. The Junior School and Country Day schools have created a combined list of Summer Reading titles for students' summer reading. All titles have been linked to the Carnegie Library catalog for you to see the title content and book availability.

Students in grades rising to second through fifth grade will be required to read at least 3 books over the summer.

Students entering second and third grades must read two books from the Summer Reading list and a book of their own choosing for their third required title.

Students entering fourth and fifth grades must read the all-class required book, one book from the Summer Reading list, and a third title of their own choosing or from the official list.

While Shady Side Academy is a community of readers all year long, it is especially important for students to read during the summer. The right book in a reader's hands makes for an enjoyable escape from or exciting encounter with the real world. Summer reading also helps ensure that a student's interest in books, motivation to read, and reading level skills continue to grow. Research suggests that reading at least three books is needed to maintain a child's current reading level. It is the librarians' hope that your child will find many titles from the list to love this summer.

Wishing you a wonderful summer,

Courtney Anderson
Country Day School Librarian

Phyllis Guering
Junior School Librarian

Students Entering 1st Grade in the Fall

Family Read Alouds or Independent Reading

[Mouse and Mole](#) (series) by Herbert Yee
[Humphrey's Tiny Tales](#) Series by Betty Birney
[Book Buddies](#) (series) by Cynthia Lord
[The Princess in Black](#) Series by Shannon Hale
[Ruby Lu, Brave and True](#) by Lenore Look
[Zoey and Sassafras](#) (series) by Asia Citro
[Sam the Man](#) (series) by Frances Dowell
[Toys Go Out](#) by Emily Jenkins

Independent Reading Choices

I Like to Read series - Holiday House
[I See a Cat](#) by Paul Meisel
[Pig Has a Plan](#) by Ethan Long
[I See](#) (I Like to Read Holiday House) (Cepeda)
Elephant and Piggie Like Reading series
[The Cookie Fiasco](#) by Dan Santat
[What About Worms](#) by Ryan T. Higgins
[Harold and Hog Pretend for Real](#) by Dan Santat
Gossie and Friends series - Green Light Readers
[Gemma and Gus](#) by Andrea Dunrea
[Gossie and Gertie](#) by Andrea Dunrea
[Boo Boo](#) by Andrea Dunrea
Ty's Travels series by Kelly Starling Lyons
[Beach Day!](#)
[Zip, Zoom!](#)
[All Aboard!](#)
The Adventures of Otto series by David Milgrim
[See Pip Flap](#)
[Poof! A Bot!](#)
[Look Out! A Storm!](#)
Bradford Street Buddies series by Jane Nolen
[Backyard Camp-Out](#)
[Block Party Surprise](#)
[Springtime Blossoms](#)

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Independent Reading Choices Continued

Jack series by Mac Barnett

[Hi Jack!](#)

[Jack at Bat](#)

[Jack at the Zoo](#)

Fox series by Corey Tabor

[Fox at Night](#)

[Fox the Tiger](#)

[Fox is Late](#)

Zoey the Chicken series by Adam Lehrhaupt

[Chicken on Vacation](#)

[Chicken on a Broom](#)

[Chicken in Mittens](#)

Fox Tails series by Tina Kugler

[The Great Bunk Bed Battle](#)

[The Biggest Roller Coaster](#)

[The Giant Ice Cream Mess](#)

National Geographic Kids series

[Tide Pools](#) by Laura Marsh

[Ocean Animals Collection](#) by Laura Marsh

[Animal Architects](#) by Romero Libby

Students Entering 2nd Grade in the Fall

[Mr. Monkey](#) (series) by Jeff Mack*

[Mo Jackson](#) (series) by David Adler*

[Narwhal and Jelly](#) (series) by Ben Clanton *

[Kayla & King and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats](#) (series) by Dori Butler *

[Pigsticks & Harold and the Incredible Journey](#) (series) by Alex Milway *

[Layla and the Bots](#) (series) by Vicky Kim*

[Dear Beast](#) (series) by Dori Butler*

[Bramble and Maggie](#) (series) by Jesse Haas*

[Mercy Watson](#) (series) by Kate DiCamillo*

[Starla Jean](#) (series) by Elana K. Arnold*

[Dory Fantasmagory](#) (series) by Abby Hanlon *

[Zach & Zoe Mysteries](#) (series) by Mike Lupica*

[Book Buddies](#) (series) by Cynthia Lord*

[Time Jumpers](#) (series) by Wendy Mass*

[Ellray Jakes](#) (series) by Sally Warner*

[Hand-Me-Down-Magic](#) (series) by Corey Ann Haydu*

[Big Foot and Little Foot](#) series by Ellen Potter *

[Heartwood Hotel](#) (series) by Kallie George *

[Absolutely Alfie](#) (series) by Sally Warner *

[The Highland Falcon Thief \(Adventures on Trains\)](#) (series) by Elisa Paganelli*

[National Geographic Readers](#) by Laura Marsh *

[Our Universe](#) (series) by Stacy McAnulty*

* indicates any book in the series

Students Entering 3rd Grade in the Fall

[Tales from Deckawoo Drive](#) (series) by Kate DiCamillo *

[Hilo](#) (series) by Judd Winick*

[Kondo & Kezumi](#) (series) by David Goodner *

[Book Buddies](#) (series) by Cynthia Lord *

[Lulu](#) (series) by Hilary McKay *

[The Magnificent Makers](#) (series) by Theanne Griffith *

[Stella Diaz](#) (series) by Angela Dominguez *

[Hand-Me-Down-Magic](#) (series) by Corey Ann Haydu *

[Time Jumpers](#) (series) by Wendy Mass *

[Aven Green](#) (series) by Dusti Bowling *

[The Secret Explorers](#) (series) by S. J. King *

[Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey](#) (series) by Erin Entrada Kelly

[J. D. and the Great Barber Battle](#) by J.Dillard

[Beatrice Zinker Upside Down Thinker](#) (series) by Shelley Johannes *

[Franklin School Friends](#) (series) by Claudia Mills *

[Carver Chronicles](#) (series) by Karen English *

[Skunk and Badger](#) (series) by Amy Timberlake

[Wicked Nix](#) by Lena Coakley

[Mac B. Kid Spy](#) by Mac Barnett *

[The 13 Story Treehouse](#) by Andy Griffiths *

[Animal Architects](#) by National Geographic

[What Was...](#) from Penguin Young Readers *

[Over and Under...](#) (series) by Kate Messner *

[The Truth About...](#) (series) by Maxwell Eaton III *

Students Entering 4th Grade in the Fall

**Students at the Junior School and Country Day are required to read: Bob
by Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass**

[The Wild Robot](#) by Peter Brown

[Samurai Kids](#) (series) by Sandy Fussell*

[Ra the Mighty: Cat Detective](#) (series) by A. B. Greenfield *

[Ways to Make Sunshine](#) (Ryan Hart series) by Renee Watson*

[Turtle in Paradise](#) by Jennifer Holm*

[Mr. Penguin](#) (series) by Alex T. Smith*

[The Silver Arrow](#) (series) by Lev Grossman*

[Lucky Strike](#) by Bobby Pyron

[Step Up to the Plate, Maria Singh](#) by Uma Krishnaswami

[The Upside Down Magic](#) (series) by S. Mlynowski, E. Jenkins & L. Myracle*

[Panic in Pittsburgh](#) (Screech Owls series) by Roy MacGregor *

[The Simple Art of Flying](#) by Cory Leonardo

[Charlie and Frog](#) (series) by Karen Kane

[Wild Born](#) (Spirit Animals series) by various authors *

[The Penderwicks](#) (series) by Jeanne Birdsall*

[Klawde: Evil Alien Warlord Cat](#) (series) by Johnny Marciano*

[Lightfall: The Girl and the Galdurian](#) by Tim Probert*

[Max and the Midnighters](#) (series) by Lincoln Pierce *

[Dog Squad](#) by Chris Grabenstein

[National Geographic Kids Chapters](#) (series) by National Geographic*

[Hazardous Tales](#) (series) by Nathan Hale*

* indicates any book in the series

Students Entering 5th Grade in the Fall

Students at both the Country Day and the Junior School are required to read: Soar by Joan Bauer

[Lemons](#) by Melissa Savage

[The Explorer Academy](#) (series) by Trudy Trueit*

[Amari and the Night Brothers](#) by B.B. Alston

[Three Times Lucky](#) by Sheila Turnage *

[Saucy](#) by Cynthia Kadohata

[The Secret Tree](#) by Natalie Standiford

[The Elephant in the Room](#) by Holly Goldberg Sloan

[The Explorer](#) by Katherine Rundell

[The Griffins of Castle Carey](#) by Heather Shumaker

[Lion of Mars](#) by Jennifer Holm

[Prairie Lotus](#) by Linda Sue Park

[Book Scavenger](#) (series) by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman *

[Wink](#) by Rob Harrell

[Those Kids from Fawn Creek](#) by Erin Entrada Kelly

[Granted](#) by John David Anderson

[Framed](#) by James Ponti *

[Mrs. Smith's Spy School for Girls](#) (series) by Beth McMullen

[Roll with It](#) by Jamie Sumner

[Some Kind of Courage](#) by Dan Gemeinhart

[I Survived](#) (series) by Lauren Tarshis *

[Song for a Whale](#) by Lynne Kelly

[Doughnut King](#) by Jessie Janowitz

[Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth](#) by Frank Cottrell Boyce

[Operation Redwood](#) by S. Terrell French

[Stuntboy, in the Meantime](#) by Jason Reynolds

[History Smashers](#) (series) by Kate Messner*

[Science Comics](#) (*Get to Know Your Universe* series) by various authors*

* indicates students can read any book in the series