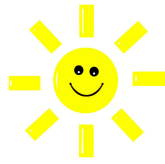


SSA Junior School & Country Day Summer Reading 2023



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. This year, the Junior School's Book Fair will focus on the summer reading lists for all grades to enable ease in access to these titles. In addition, 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 first grade are encouraged to use the recommended titles for independent and family reading.

Students entering second and third grades must read at least two books from the Summer Reading list and a third from list or a book of their own choosing.

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 a new 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

[Rabbit and Bear](#) (series) by Julian Gough & Jim Field

[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

[Toys Go Out](#) by Emily Jenkins

Independent Reading Choices

I Like to Read Comics series - Holiday House/Penguin Books *

[Meet the Super Duper Seven](#) by Tim Hamilton

[I Did It!](#) By Michael Emberley

[Owl and Penguin](#) by Vikram Madan

Horse and Buggy series by Ethan Long *

[Horse and Buggy Plant a Seed](#)

[Dance, Dance, Dance!](#)

[Paint It Out!](#)

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!](#)

Geraldine Pu series by Maggie P. Chang *

[Geraldine Pu and Her Cat Hat, Too!](#)

[Geraldine Pu and Her Lunch Box, Too!](#)

[Geraldine Pu and Her Lucky Pencil, Too!](#)

Bradford Street Buddies series by Jane Nolen *

[Backyard Camp-Out](#)

[Block Party Surprise](#)

[Springtime Blossoms](#)

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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 *

[Sir Ladybug](#) (series) by Corey Tabor*

[Baloney and Friends](#) (series) by Greg Pizzoli *

[King and Kayla](#) (series) by Dori Butler *

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

[Sydney and Taylor](#) series by Deborah Hocking*

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

[Gigi & Ojiji](#) by Melissa Iwai *

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Little Animal Rescue](#) (series) by Rachel Delahaye

[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 *

[Marya Khan](#) series by Saadia Faruqi

[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

[Saving Winslow](#) by Sharon Creech

[The Wild Robot](#) by Peter Brown

[Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom](#) by Matthew Swanson

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

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

[Wicked Nix](#) by Lena Coakley

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

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

[Endlessly Ever After](#) by Laurel Snyder

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

[Animal Architects](#) by National Geographic

[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**

[Rover's Story](#) by Jasmine Warga

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

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

[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

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

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

[Honest June](#) (series) by Tina Wells*

[Odder](#) by Katherine Applegate

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

[Me and Marvin Gardens](#) by A.S. King

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

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

[Violet and Jobie in the Wild](#) by Lynne Rae Perkins

[Falling Short](#) by Ernesto Cisneros

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

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

[Dog Squad](#) by Chris Grabenstein

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

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

[GOAT series \(Basketball/Olympic/Baseball\)](#) by Bruce Berglund

* 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

[*The Explorer Academy*](#) (series) by Trudy Trueit*
[*Amari and the Night Brothers*](#) by B.B. Alston
[*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 Incredible Dead Pets of Rex Dexter*](#) by Aaron Reynolds
[*Lion of Mars*](#) by Jennifer Holm
[*Book Scavenger*](#) (series) by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman *
[*Wink*](#) by Rob Harrell
[*Maizy Chen's Last Chance*](#) by Lisa Yee
[*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
[*The Hurricanes of Weakerville*](#) by Chris Rylander
[*Best Man*](#) by Richard Peck
[*Song for a Whale*](#) by Lynne Kelly
[*Doughnut King*](#) by Jessie Janowitz
[*Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth*](#) by Frank Cottrell Boyce
[*Not All Heroes*](#) by Josephine Cameron
[*The Menagerie*](#) by Tui and Kari Sutherland
[*Stuntboy, in the Meantime*](#) by Jason Reynolds
[*History Smashers*](#) (series) by Kate Messner*
[*Big Ideas That Changed the World*](#) by Don Brown

* indicates students can read any book in the series