



# SHADY SIDE ACADEMY

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Entering Form I Students,

This summer, you will read at least **four** books for summer reading: the all-form book *The Seventh Most Important Thing* and three other books. Our all-form book explores issues of redemption, friendship and family and is loosely based on the story of artist James Hampton. We hope that you enjoy it as much as we do.

- 🐾 Please purchase the paperback copy of *The Seventh Most Important Thing* (ISBN: 978-0553497311) so that we can refer to specific pages when we discuss the book at the beginning of the year.
- 🐾 Choose at least three additional titles from at least two different genres on the list.
- 🐾 Students may select sequels to any of the listed books.
- 🐾 Read *The Seventh Most Important Thing* toward the end of the summer so that it is fresh in your mind when school starts.
- 🐾 Complete an [assignment](#) for each of the three choice books.

When we return to school in the fall, please bring *The Seventh Most Important Thing* and your assignments. It is not necessary to bring copies of choice summer reading books to school. Feel free to borrow your three selections from the library or read them digitally.

Look to the Shady Side Academy website at [www.shadysideacademy.org/summerinfo](http://www.shadysideacademy.org/summerinfo) for your summer reading information and documents. Please consult websites such as Amazon.com, Goodreads.com, or commonsensemedia.org for help in determining a book's suitability.

It is our sincerest hope that these titles entertain you during slow, balmy summer days and open your hearts and minds to the lives of others. Be well and read with great relish. We look forward to meeting all of you in August.

Warmly,

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