



SHADY SIDE

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Junior School Summer Reading

Philosophy: Shady Side Academy is a community of readers, and summer reading is an extension of our curriculum. All students are expected and encouraged to read throughout the summer primarily for enjoyment. Reading as a leisure activity is the best predictor of comprehension, vocabulary, and reading speed.

Grade Two Required Reading*

Knots on a Counting Rope by John Archambault

Follow up Activity: Students will listen to the required book again on tape and then discuss stories from their own lives which have been handled down orally. The class will share thoughts on the importance of oral tradition in story telling.

Students should choose to read at least one additional book from those listed below.

Second Grade Additional Recommended Reading

Putter and Tabby Series by Cynthia Rylant

Frog and Toad Series by Arnold Lobel

Amelia Bedelia (I Can Read Book Series) by Peggy Parish

Nate the Great Series by Marjorie Sharmat

Rotten Ralph Series by Jack Gantos

Horrible Harry Series by Suzy Kline

Cobble Street Cousins Series by Cynthia Rylant

Encyclopedia Brown Series by Donald Sobol

Ivy and Bean Series by Annie Barrows

Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osbourne

Additional Comments: Please note that each of these series has several books associated with it. These series were selected with a range of reading levels in mind. If your child chooses to read books from the Magic Tree House Series, we ask that they avoid #4, #6, and #11 as we read them during the year.

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*We have contacted Barnes and Noble in Fox Chapel, Border's in East Liberty and Joseph Beth in South Side Works and have requested that they stock copies of the required book for each grade throughout the summer months.

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