



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 Four Required Reading*

Fame and Glory in Freedom, Georgia by **Barbara O'Connor**

Follow up Activity: On the first day of school, there will be a discussion and quiz on the required book.

Students should choose to read at least two additional books from those listed below.

Fourth Grade Additional Recommended Reading

Anastasia Krupnick by **Lois Lowry**

Because of Winn-Dixie by **Kate DiCamillo**

The Bell, the Book, and the Spellbinder by **Brad Strickland**

James and the Giant Peach by **Roald Dahl**

Dead Letter by **Betsy Byars**

Esperanza Rising by **Pam Munoz Ryan**

The Fairy Rebel by **Lynne Reid Banks**

Faith and the Electric Dogs by **Patrick Jennings**

The Flying Flea, Callie, and Me by **Bill Wallace**

Fourth Grade Rats by **Jerry Spinelli**

Half Magic by **Edward Eager**

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (or any of the books in this series) by

J.K. Rowling

Hoot by **Carl Hiaasen**

The Invention of Hugo Cabret by **Brian Selznick**

Additional Comments: Have fun reading! Please see Page 2 for additional books.

*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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Jackie and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure by Dan Gutman

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert O'Brien

Skinnybones by Barbara Park

S.O.R. Losers by Avi

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Who Stole the Wizard of Oz? by Avi

Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver