



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 Five Required Reading*

A Jar of Dreams by Yoshiko Uchida

Follow up Activity: There will be a quiz in September.

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

Fifth Grade Additional Recommended Reading

Castle in the Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop

The Devil and His Boy by Anthony Horowitz

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine

Finding Buck Mchenry by Alfred Slote

From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L.Konigsburg

Haunting at Home Plate by David Patneaude

Holes by Louis Sachar

Hoot by Carl Hiassen

Jack on the Tracks by Jack Gantos

Just Juice by Karen Hesse

The House with a Clock in its Walls by John Bellairs

Midnight Magic by Avi

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Our Only May Amelia by Jennifer Holm

Additional Comments: Please see Page 2 for additional books and comments.

*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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Additional Comments Continued:

Read by yourself every day. The Summer Reading List is just to help you get started. You will find many more find books at your public library and bookstore. Please be prepared to bring a list of books you read this summer and a list of books read aloud to your when you return to school in the fall.

Fifth Grade Additional Recommended Reading

Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief by **Wendelin Van Draanen**

Transall Saga by **Gary Paulsen**

Trolls by **Polly Horvath**

Twenty-One Balloons by **William Pene duBois**

The View from the Cherry Tree by **Willo Davis Roberts**

The Wanderer by **Sharon Creech**