



SHADY SIDE

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Dear Parents,

Here is your child's summer reading list and journal. This letter, the summer reading list, and the journal are also available as a PDF on teacher pages and at [shadysideacademy.org/summer reading](http://shadysideacademy.org/summer%20reading).

All children should choose and read at least three books from the rising fourth grade summer reading list. When rising fourth graders finish reading a book, they must write a thoughtful journal response summarizing their book. They are to complete one response for each book read. A sample with teacher hints for what makes a good journal response is included in your child's journal. Your child is more than welcome to complete more than the required three responses!

Ideally, students would pace themselves and complete one book and journal activity per month. Children should turn in their completed journals to their homeroom teacher in August when they return to school. We hope your children enjoy reading and writing this summer!

Sincerely,

The Fourth Grade Teachers



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Junior School Summer Reading 2019

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 not only for enjoyment, but also to maintain comprehension, vocabulary, and reading speed.

Required Summer Reading: Each SSA student should choose three books from their grade level list. Each book will require a thoughtful journal response specific to your child's rising grade. (See grade booklets for sample responses)

Grade Four Reading Choices*

Students should choose to read at least **three** books from those listed below:

Bob by Wendy Mass
Book of 100 Truths by Julie Schumacher
Endling by Katherine Applegate
The Hero Two Doors Down by Sharon Robinson
The Loser's Club by Andrew Clements
The Imaginary Veterinary: Book 1- The Sasquatch Escape (or any book in the series) by Suzanne Selfors
Lucky Strike by Bobbie Pyron
On the Road to Mr. Mineo's by Barbara O'Connor
Panic in Pittsburgh (or any book in the *Screech Owl* series) by Roy MacGregor
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
The Real McCoys by Matthew Swanson
Shelter Dogs: Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays by Peg Kehret
The Wild Robot by Peter Brown (This book should be read prior to reading *The Wild Robot Escapes*)
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Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer Holms
Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

*We have contacted Barnes and Noble in Fox Chapel and have requested that they stock copies of the required book for each grade throughout the summer months.