

SSA Junior School & Country Day Suggested Summer Reading 2021



Dear Shady Side Academy families,

As daylight lengthens and stretches towards summer, it is time for students to reach out and read. The Junior School and Country Day schools have created a combined list of suggested titles for students' summer reading. Please note that students in the 4th and 5th grades at both schools will have a whole-grade required book at the top of their summer reading list.

While Shady Side Academy is a community of readers all year long, it is especially important for students to read during the summer. The right book in a reader's hands makes for an enjoyable escape from or exciting encounter with the real world. Summer reading also helps ensure that a student's interest in books, motivation to read, and reading level skills continue to grow. Research suggests that reading at least three books is needed to maintain a child's current reading level. It is the librarian's hope that your child will find many titles from the combined lists to love this summer.

Wishing you a wonderful summer,

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Country Day School Librarian

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Students Entering 1st Grade in the Fall

Family Read Alouds

[Mr. Putter and Tabby](#) Series by Cynthia Rylant
[Magic TreeHouse](#) Series / Fact Tracker by Mary Pope Osbourne
[Humphrey's Tiny Tales](#) Series by Betty Birney
[Mercy Watson](#) Series by Kate Di Camillo
[The Princess in Black](#) Series by Shannon Hale

Independent Reading Choices

[I See a Cat](#) (I Like to Read Holiday House) by Paul Meisel
[Pig Has a Plan](#) (I Like to Read Holiday House) by Ethan Long
[I See](#) (I Like to Read Holiday House) (Cepeda)
[Clara and Clem Take a Ride](#) (Penguin Young Readers) by Ethan Long
[Bad Dog](#) (I Like to Read Holiday House) by David McPhail
[Gossie and Friends: Big Book of Adventures](#) by Andrea Dunrea *
[Ty's Travels Zip Zoom](#) (I Can Read HarperCollins) by Kelly Starling Lyons
[Not Me!](#) (I Like to Read Holiday House) by Valeri Gorbachev
[Bake, Mice, Bake](#) (Penguin Young Readers) by Eric Setzer
[The Adventures of Otto](#) series by David Milgrim *
[Biscuit Loves the Park](#) by Alyssa Capucilli *
[Axel the Truck](#) series by J.D. Riley *
[Ice Cream Soup](#) (Penguin Young Readers) by Ann Ingalls
[Beach Day](#) (Step Into Reading) by Candice Ransom *
[Elephant and Piggie](#) by Mo Willems *
[Pig and Pug](#) (Penguin Young Readers) by Laura Marchesani
[Chicken on Vacation](#) (I Can Read HarperCollins) by Adam Lehrhaupt *
[A Pig, A Fox, and a Box](#) by Jonathan Fenske *
[Shapes Trilogy](#) by Mac Barnett *
[Mo Jackson](#) series by David Adler *
[Frog and Friends](#) series by Eve Bunting *
[Pinkalicious](#) series (I Can Read HarperCollins) by Victoria Kann *
[Bradford Street Buddies](#) by Jane Nolen *
[National Geographic Kids](#)- Biographies / Animals *

* indicates any book in the series

Students Entering 2nd Grade in the Fall

[Snail and Worm: Three Stories About Two Friends](#) (series) by Tina Kugler *

[Dig, Dog, Dig: A Construction Tale](#) by James Horvath

[Pony Scouts: The Camping Trip](#) by Cathy Hapka *

[Mercy Watson](#) (series) by Kate DiCamillo*

[Charlie and Mouse](#) (series) by Laurel Snyder *

[Ling and Ting](#) series by Grace Lin *

[Bramble and Maggie](#) (series) by Jessie Haas *

[Dory Fantasmagory](#) (series) by Abby Hanlon *

[Kayla & King and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats](#) (series) by Dori Butler *

[Pigsticks & Harold and the Incredible Journey](#) (series) by Alex Milway *

[Ellray Jakes](#) (series) by Sally Warner*

[Backyard Witch](#) (series) by Christine Heppermann *

[Calpurnia Tate: Girl Vet](#) (series) by Jacqueline Kelly *

[Ballpark Mysteries](#) (series) by David Kelly *

[Big Foot and Little Foot](#) series by Ellen Potter *

[Heartwood Hotel](#) (series) by Kallie George *

[Absolutely Alfie](#) (series) by Sally Warner *

[Narwhal and Jelly](#) (series) by Ben Clanton *

[National Geographic Readers](#) by Laura Marsh *

[Stinky or other Toon Books](#) (series) *

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Students Entering 3rd Grade in the Fall

[*Beatrice Zinker Upside Down Thinker*](#) (series) by Shelley Johannes *

[*Franklin School Friends*](#) (series) by Claudia Mills *

[*Dear Beast*](#) by Dori Hillestad Butler *

[*Ruby Lu, Brave and True*](#) by Lenore Look

[*The Field Guide*](#) (*Spiderwick Chronicles series*) Toni Diterlizzi *

[*Lulu*](#) (series) by Hilary McKay *

[*Tales from Deckawoo Drive*](#) (series) by Kate DiCamillo *

[*Beasts of Olympus*](#) (series) by Lucy Coats *

[*Wicked Nix*](#) by Lena Coakley

[*The Friendship War*](#) by Andrew Clements

[*Clementine*](#) by Sara Pennypacker *

[*Third Grade Angels*](#) by Jerry Spinelli

[*Carver Chronicles*](#) (series) by Karen English *

[*Bunnicula*](#) (series) by James Howe *

[*Weird Little Robots*](#) by Carolyn Crimi

[*Mac B. Kid Spy*](#) by Mac Barnett *

[*The 13 Story Treehouse*](#) by Andy Griffiths *

[*Who Was... Biographies*](#) from Penguin Young Readers *

[*Bird and Squirrel on the Run*](#) by James Burks*

Students Entering 4th Grade in the Fall

Students at the Junior School and Country Day are required to read: *Bob* by Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass

[*Klawde: Evil Alien Warlord Cat*](#) (series) by Johnny Marciano*

[*Bob*](#) by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead

[*Max and the Midnighters*](#) (series) by Lincoln Pierce *

[*Ra the Mighty: Cat Detective*](#) (series) by A. B. Greenfield *

[*A Wolf Called Wander*](#) by Rosanne Parry

[*Turtle in Paradise*](#) by Jennifer Holm

[*Pie in the Sky*](#) by Remy Lau

[*Lucky Strike*](#) by Bobby Pyron

[*The Hero Two Doors Down*](#) by Sharon Robinson

[*The Unicorn Rescue Society*](#) (series) by Adam Gidwitz *

[*Panic in Pittsburgh*](#) (*Screech Owls* series) by Roy MacGregor *

[*Harvey Comes Home*](#) by Colleen Nelson

[*Charlie and Frog*](#) by Karen Kane

[*The Adventurer's Guide to Successful Escapes*](#) (series) by Wade Albert White *

[*Because of the Rabbit*](#) by Cynthia Lord

[*Lightfall: The Girl and the Galdurian*](#) by Tim Probert

[*Last Kids on Earth*](#) (series) by Max Brallier*

[*Actual Times*](#) series by Don Brown *

* indicates any book in the series

Students Entering 5th Grade in the Fall

Students at the Junior School are required to read: Wonder by R.J. Polaccio

Students at the Country Day School are required to read: The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

[Secret Sisters of the Salty Sea](#) by Lynne Rae Perkins

[Lemons](#) by Melissa Savage by Melissa Savage

[Three Times Lucky](#) by Sheila Turnage *

[The Secret Tree](#) by Natalie Standiford

[The Explorer](#) by Katherine Rundell

[Soar](#) by Joan Bauer

[Prairie Lotus](#) by Linda Sue Park

[Book Scavenger](#) by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman *

[Wink](#) by Rob Harrell

[The Last- Last- Day- of Summer](#) by Lamar Giles

[Granted](#) by John David Anderson

[Framed](#) by James Ponti *

[Roll with It](#) by Jamie Sumner

[The Nebula](#) (*Explorer Academy*) by Trudy Trueit *

[I Survived](#) by Lauren Tarshis *

[Song for a Whale](#) by Lynne Kelly

[Doughnut King](#) by Jessie Janowitz

[Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth](#) by Frank Cottrell Boyce

[Operation Redwood](#) by S. Terrell French

[Beavers \(The Superpower Field Guide\)](#) by Rachel Poliquin *

[Lincoln's Grave Robbers](#) by Steve Sheinkin

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