

SUMMER READING LIST 2018-2019

Upper School - Grades 5-8

Dear Parents and Students,

Each summer, students are required to read a set of books preparatory to entering Oak Hill Academy in the fall. On the first day of school, teachers will inform the students of when the tests will be given. These tests will give the teacher an idea of the skills and abilities of the students.

Included will be objective questions as well as an essay. In order to be successful, students should read and understand the book completely. A Summer Reading Story Map should be completed for each book for students entering Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8. Story Maps should be brought to school the first week of classes in September. The Story Maps can be found on the Oak Hill Academy website under SUMMER READING. The night before the test, these notes can be reviewed easily and the book referred to if necessary.

Our English teachers chose the books for quality of expression, variety and interest. We hope you enjoy them. Barnes & Noble in Holmdel will have a supply of the reading list books.

Required Reading for Students Entering Fifth Grade (must read all three)

REQUIRED	<u>The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe</u>	C.S. Lewis
REQUIRED	<u>George Washington's Socks</u>	Elvira Woodruff
REQUIRED	<u>Maniac Magee</u> Jerry Spinelli -OR- <u>The Year of the Dog</u>	Grace Lin

Required Reading For Students Entering Sixth Grade (must read all three)

REQUIRED	<u>Where the Red Fern Grows</u>	Wilson Rawls
REQUIRED	<u>A Single Shard</u>	Linda Sue Park
REQUIRED	<u>A Year Down Yonder</u>	Richard Peck

Required Reading For Students Entering Seventh Grade (must read all three)

REQUIRED	<u>Across Five Aprils</u>	Irene Hunt
REQUIRED	<u>Izzy, Willy-Nilly</u>	Cynthia Voigt
REQUIRED	<u>Heart of a Samurai</u>	Margi Preus

Required Reading For Students Entering Eighth Grade (must read all three)

REQUIRED	<u>The Giver</u>	Lois Lowry
REQUIRED	<u>Messenger</u>	Lois Lowry
REQUIRED	<u>Flipped</u>	Wendelin Van Draanen

Please note: The Giver and Messenger are companion novels. Students should read The Giver before reading Messenger.

The following books are recommended for pleasure reading and are not required.

Students entering Fifth and Sixth Grade:

Baseball in April and Other Stories – Gary Soto
The Borrowers Afield – Mary Norton
Brown Girl Dreaming – Jacqueline Woodson
Crispin: The Cross of Lead – Avi
Danny, the Champion of the World – Roald Dahl
The Ear, The Eye and the Arm – Nancy Farmer
From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler - E. L. Konigsburg
The Great Gilly Hopkins – Katherine Paterson
Hatchet - Gary Paulsen
The Invention of Hugo Cabret - Brian Selznick
Island of the Blue Dolphins – Scott O’Dell
Knots in My Yo-Yo String: The Autobiography of a Kid – Jerry Spinelli
Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy - Gary D. Schmidt
Okay for Now – Gary D. Schmidt
Percy Jackson series - Rick Riordan
Phantom Tollbooth - Norton Juster
Navigating Early - Clare Vanderpool
Souder - William Armstrong
Titanic Trilogy - Gordon Korman
Tuck Everlasting - Natalie Babbitt
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon - Grace Lin
Wonderstruck - Brian Selznick

Students entering Seventh and Eighth grade:

A Corner of the Universe – Ann M. Martin
A Day No Pigs Would Die – Robert Newton Peck
The Boys From St. Petri – Bjarne Reuter
Catherine, Called Birdy – Karen Cushman
Chains - Laurie Halse Anderson
Cheaper by the Dozen - Frank B. Gillbreth
The Eleventh Plague - Jeff Hirsh
Elijah of Buxton - Christopher Paul Curtis
Farewell to Manzanar - Jean Wakatsuki Houston
Forge - Laurie Halse Anderson
Freak the Mighty – Rodman Philbrick
Gossamer - Lois Lowry
Half Brother - Kenneth Oppel
The House on Mango Street - Sandra Cisneros
The Hobbit – J. R. R. Tolkien
Island Trilogy - Gordon Korman
The Killing Sea - Richard Lewis
The Little Prince - Antoine St. Exupery
The Machine Gunners - Robert Westall
Moon Over Manifest - Clare Vanderpool
Refugee - Alan Grantz

Redwall – Brian Jacques

Shakespeare's Scribe - Gary Blackwood

The Shakespeare Stealer - Gary Blackwood

Stolen into Slavery: The True Story of Solomon Northup - Judith & Dennis Frandin

Watership Down – Richard Adams

Wild Robot - Peter Brown

There are more books to choose from at your local library and book stores that are not only age appropriate, but also interesting for your children.