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SUMMER READING LIST 2016-2017
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 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>Number the Stars</u>	Lois Lowry
REQUIRED	<u>The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe</u>	C.S. Lewis
REQUIRED	<u>Maniac Magee</u>	Jerry Spinelli

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.

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Upper School Suggested Reading:

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

A Corner of the Universe – Ann M. Martin
A Long Way From Chicago - Richard Peck
Baseball in April and Other Stories – Gary Soto
The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had – Kristin Levine
The Borrowers Afield – Mary Norton
Brown Girl Dreaming – Jacqueline Woodson
Bud, Not Buddy - Christopher Paul Curtis
The Boys From St. Petri – Bjarne Reuter
Catherine, Called Birdy – Karen Cushman
Crispin: The Cross of Lead – Avi
Danny, the Champion of the World – Roald Dahl
A Day No Pigs Would Die – Robert Newton Peck
Esperanza Rising - Pam Munoz Ryan
The Ear, The Eye and the Arm – Nancy Farmer
The Eleventh Plague - Jeff Hirsh
Freak the Mighty – Rodman Philbrick
From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler - E. L. Konigsburg
The Great Gilly Hopkins – Katherine Paterson
Gossamer - Lois Lowry
Half Brother - Kenneth Opper
Hatchet - Gary Paulsen
The Hobbit – J. R. R. Tolkien
The Indian in the Cupboard – Lynne Reid Banks
The Invention of Hugo Cabret - Brian Selznick
Island Trilogy - Gordon Korman
The Killing Sea - Richard Lewis
Knots in My Yo-Yo String: The Autobiography of a Kid – Jerry Spinelli
The Machine Gunners - Robert Westall
Milkweed - Jerry Spinelli
Moon Over Manifest - Clare Vanderpool
Music of the Dolphins - Karen Hesse
Okay for Now – Gary D. Schmidt
Percy Jackson series - Rick Riordan
Redwall – Brian Jacques
Shakespeare's Scribe - Gary Blackwood
The Shakespeare Stealer - Gary Blackwood
Souder - William Armstrong
Stolen into Slavery: The True Story of Solomon Northup - Judith & Dennis Frandini
Titanic Trilogy - Gordon Korman
Tuck Everlasting - Natalie Babbitt
Watership Down – Richard Adams
Weedflower - Cynthia Kadohata
When You Reach Me - Rebecca Stead
Wonderstruck - Brian Selznick

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.