



## SUMMER READING LIST 2022-2023 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 days of school, classes will discuss the books, and teachers will inform the students when assessments will be given. These assessments 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 days of classes in September. The Story Maps are located on the Oak Hill Academy website under Parents: Important Links: Summer Reading. The night before the assessment, these notes can be reviewed easily and the book referred to if necessary.

Our teachers chose the books for quality of expression, variety and interest. We hope you enjoy them.

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

<u>A Boy Called Bat</u>	Elana K. Arnold
<u>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</u>	C.S. Lewis
<u>Save Me a Seat</u>	Gita Varadaragan and Sarah Weeks

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

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

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

<u>Heart of a Samurai</u>	Margi Preus
<u>Freak the Mighty</u>	Rodman Philbrick
<u>Across Five Aprils</u>	Irene Hunt

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

<u>The Giver</u>	Lois Lowry
<u>Messenger</u>	Lois Lowry
<u>Hidden Figures</u>	Margot Lee Shetterly

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  
*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