

**HILLSIDE SCHOOL
SUMMER READING LIST 2023
Grades 4, 5 and 6**

- 1) Each student is responsible for reading one Required Book for his grade, listed below.
- 2) Each student is responsible for also reading *at least* two additional books of his choice. There are suggested books listed here, but students are not limited to these books. The additional books are simply suggestions for that grade's reading level.

STUDENTS ENTERING FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE

REQUIRED: You must read the following:

Lawn Boy Gary Paulsen

Things get out of hand for a twelve-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business.

Suggestions for Additional Book Choices:

Al Capone Does My Shirts Gennifer Choldenko (*Newbery Honor book*) *

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

Bone Jeff Smith *

The adventure starts when cousins Fone Bone, Phoney Bone, and Smiley Bone are run out of Boneville and later get separated and lost in the wilderness, meeting monsters and making friends as they attempt to return home.

Bud, Not Buddy Christopher Paul Curtis (*2000 Newbery Medal*) *

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father - the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

Crispin: The Cross of Lead Avi (*2003 Newbery Medal*) *

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in 14th-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

Escape! : The Story of the Great Houdini Sid Fleischman *

A biography of the magician, ghost chaser, aviator, and king of escape artists whose amazing feats are remembered long after his death in 1926.

Football Genius Tim Green *

Troy, a sixth-grader with an unusual gift for predicting football plays before they occur, attempts to use his ability to help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons, but he must first prove himself to the coach and players.

Future Knight Tony Davis *

In 1409, skinny, clumsy Roland, the ten-year-old son of a blacksmith, pursues his dream of becoming a knight.

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key Jack Gantos *

To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription medications wear off and he starts getting worked up and making bad choices.

The Kane Chronicles Rick Riordan*

After their father's research experiment at the British Museum unleashes the Egyptian god Set, Carter and Sadie Kane embark on a dangerous journey across the globe--a quest which brings them ever closer to the truth about their family, and their links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.

The Kid Who Only Hit Homers Matt Christopher *

A boy becomes a phenomenal baseball player one summer when a mysterious stranger resembling Babe Ruth befriends him.

Midnight for Charlie Bone Jenny Nimmo *

Charlie Bone's life with his widowed mother and two grandmothers undergoes a dramatic change when he discovers that he can hear people in photographs talking.

The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg Rodman Philbrick (*Newbery Honor Book*) *

Twelve-year-old Homer, a poor but clever orphan, has extraordinary adventures after running away from his evil uncle to rescue his brother, who has been sold into service in the Civil War.

The Mysterious Benedict Society Trenton Lee Stewart *

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

Phantom Tollbooth Norton Juster

A journey through a land where Milo learns the importance of words and numbers provides a cure for his boredom.

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science John Fleischman

The story of Phineas Gage, a railroad construction foreman, who was blasting rock near Cavendish, VT in 1848 when a 13-pound iron rod was shot through his brain. Learn how this man lived for 11 years, 6 months, and 19 days after the accident.

Revenge of the Witch (The Last Apprentice Series) Joseph Delaney

Young Tom, the seventh son of a seventh son, starts work as an apprentice for the village Spook, whose job is to protect ordinary folk from "ghouls, boggarts, and all manner of wicked beasties."

Schooled Gordon Korman *

Homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Capricorn (Cap) Anderson has never watched television, tasted a pizza, or even heard of a wedgie. But when his grandmother lands in the hospital, Cap is forced to move in with a guidance counselor and attend the local middle school. While Cap knows a lot about tie-dyeing and Zen Buddhism, no education could prepare him for the politics of public school.

A Single Shard Linda Sue Park (*2002 Newbery Medal*)

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.

Souder William Armstrong (*1970 Newbery medal*)

Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read with the help of the devoted Souder.

There's A Boy in the Girl's Bathroom Louis Sachar *

An unmanageable but lovable eleven-year-old misfit learns to believe in himself when he gets to know the new school counselor, who is a sort of misfit, too.

The Titanic: An Interactive History Adventure Bob Temple

It is 1912. Titanic, the world's largest and grandest ocean liner, is about to set sail. And YOU get to experience its historic first voyage.

Through My Eyes Ruby Bridges

Ruby Bridges recounts the story of her involvement, as a six-year-old, in the integration of her school in New Orleans in 1960.

Trouble Don't Last Shelley Pearsall (*Scott O'Dell Award winner*)

Samuel, an eleven-year-old Kentucky slave, and Harrison, the elderly slave who helped raise him, attempt to escape to Canada via the Underground Railroad.

A Week in the Woods Andrew Clements

The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to a teacher who seems out to get him.

The Whipping Boy Sid Fleischman (*1987 Newbery medal*) *

A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.

*You may enjoy other books by this author or other books in this series

note:

Michael L. Printz Award (American Library Association award given for "Excellence in Young Adult Literature")

Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction