**South Boston Catholic Academy**

**4th-6th Grade 2017 Summer Reading**

This summer students entering grades 4, 5, and 6 are required to complete summer reading. Each grade has a **shared text** to read. All 4th graders will read *A Lion to Guard Us*. All 5th graders will read *Phoebe the Spy*, and all 6th graders will read *The Watsons Go to Birmingham*.

There is also a **genre requirement.** Each student must read their grade’s shared text AND the genre requirements below. Students will complete activities with these shared texts and genre choices in fall 2017. Remember: you can read more than the requirements!

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| **Incoming Grade 4 Required Reading (Shared Text) :**A Lion to Guard Us by Clyde Robert Bulla | **Incoming Grade 5 Required Reading (Shared Text):**Phoebe the Spy by Judith Berry Griffin | **Incoming Grade 6 Required Reading (Shared Text):**The Watsons Go To Birmingham-1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis |
| **4th Graders are required to read (from this list):*** One contemporary fiction
* One from any genre listed
 | **5th Graders are required to read (from this list):*** One biography / memoir
* One from any genre listed
 | **6th Graders are required to read (from this list):*** One Biography / Memoir
* One historical fiction
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**Contemporary Fiction:**

* *Never Mind!: A Twin Novel*  Avi
* *The SOS File* Byars
* *Room One or No Talking*  Clements
* *Hate That Cat* Creech
* *The Tale of Despereaux* Di Camillo
* T*he Spiderwick Chronicles* (series) DiTerlizzi
* *The London Eye Mystery* Dowd
* *Brendan Buckley’s Universe and Everything In It* Frazier
* *My Side of the Mountain*  George
* *The Road to Paris* Grimes
* *The Homework Machine*  Gutman
* *Just Juice* Hesse
* *The Trouble Begins* Himelblau
* *When Mules Flew on Magnolia Street* Johnson
* *Any Small Goodness* Johnston
* *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* Lin
* *Akimbo and the Snakes* (series) McCall Smith
* *Julia Gillian* (and the Art of Knowing) McGhee
* *Junebug* (series) Mead
* *The Railway Children* Nesbit
* *The Borrowers* (series) Norton
* *The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elv*is O’Connor
* *39 Clues* (series) Scholastic, Inc.
* *Younguncle Comes to Town* Singh
* *4Kids in 5E & 1 Crazy Year*  Schwartz
* *Series of Unfortunate Events* (series) Snicket
* *No Girls Allowed (Dogs Okay)* Trueit

**Historical Fiction:**

* *Iron Thunder* Avi
* *Matilda Bone*  Cushman
* *Man in the Moon*  Enderle
* *The Giant Rat of Sumatra: Or Pirates Galore*  Fleischman
* *Willow Run* Giff
* *Out of the Dust* Hesse
* *Snow Treasure* McSwigan
* *The King of Mulberry Street* Napoli
* *Keeping Score* Park
* *The Preacher’s Boy* Paterson
* *Trouble Don’t Last*  Pearsall
* *My Name is America* (series) Scholastic, Inc.
* *Dear America* (series) Scholastic, Inc.
* *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* Selznick
* *Show Way*  Woodson
* *The Dragon’s Child:  A Story of Angel Island* Yep
* *In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson* Bao
* *Moon Over Manifest* Vanderpool
* *Brooklyn Bridge* Hesse
* *Turtle in Paradise* Holm
* *Hero on a Bicycle* Hughes
* *All My Noble Dreams and then What Happens* Gloria Whelan

**Fantasy/Science Fiction**

* *When the Circus Came to Town* Yep
* *The Chronicles of Prydain* (series) Alexander
* *The Sisters Grimm* (series) Buckley
* *Artemis Fowl* (series) Colfer
* *Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III* (series) Cowell
* *Hatching Magic*  Downer
* *The Dream Stealer* Fleischman
* *Sardine in Outer Space* (series) Guibert and Sfar
* *The Softwire* (series) Haarsma
* *Well Witched*  Hardinge
* *A Wrinkle in Time*  L’Engle
* *Eragon, the Inheritance Series* Paolini
* *The Magic Thief*  Prineas
* *I Was a Rat!* Pullman
* *Harry Potter* (series) Rowling
* *Alien Feast* Simmons

**Biography**

* *She Touched the World: Laura Bridgman,   Deaf-Blind Pioneer* Alexander
* *The Day-Glo Brothers* Barton
* *Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein*  Brown
* *John Brown: His Fight for Freedom* Hendrix
* *Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez*  Krull
* *Houdini: The World’s Greatest Mystery Man and Escape King* Krull
* *Let it Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters* Pinkney
* *The Tree of Life: Charles Darwin* Sis
* *Honda: The Boy Who Dreamed of Cars* Weston

*The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq* Winter