



Harbor Country Day School
Embracing the extraordinary in every child.

UPPER SCHOOL SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

This summer we will be reading one **assigned** book and one book of **choice**.

1. The Assigned Text: This is required reading for incoming students

Grade 6 - Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Grade 7- When Zachary Beaver Came to Town by Kimberly Willis Holt

Grade 8- Pictures of Hollis Woods, by Patricia Reilly Giff

The assigned book for each grade will be discussed in September and followed by the first “build-an-essay” project of the year. It will focus on central themes and literary elements used by the author. No preparation is necessary. Just enjoy the book!!!!

2. Free choice - Read any book, fiction or non-fiction, that is not part of a series.

Your assignment will require you to share your reading experience with the class in September. You will tell us the Title, Author, Genre and give a brief plot summary. Then you will tell us what you thought of the book. Finally, you will answer questions from classmates about the book. You will be permitted to have the book and a notecard for your presentation.

You might want to take a vacation from your usual reading habits and choose a genre with which you have had no experience. (Biography, Historical Fiction, Sci-Fi, Non-Fiction)

You might have an interest in a topic and choose a non-fiction book as a research tool.

You might want to check with friends and families for book recommendations.

**RECOMMENDED TITLES FOR SUMMER READING
(Fiction and Non-Fiction)**

Strong Inside (Young Readers Edition): The True Story of How Perry Wallace Broke College Basketball's Color Line by Andrew Maraniss

Legends: The Best Players, Games, and Teams in Basketball by Howard Bryant

Life in Motion: Young Reader's Edition by Misty Copeland and Brandy Colbert

Fannie Never Flinched: One Woman's Courage in the Struggle for American Labor Union Rights by Mary Cronk Farrell

Portraits of Jewish-American Heroes by Malka Drucker, Elizabeth Rosen

I Got This: To Gold and Beyond by Laurie Hernandez

Beastly Brains: Exploring How Animals Think, Talk, and Feel by Nancy Castaldo

The Book that Made Me: A Collection of 32 Personal Stories edited by Judith Ridge

Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice (Reprint) By Phillip Hoose

A Year Without Mom by Dasha Tolstikova

All Heart: My Dedication and Determination to Become One of Soccer's Best by Carli Lloyd

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmit

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson **Dear Mr. Henshaw** by Beverly Cleary

Hatchet by Gary Paulson

Anne of Green Gables L.M. Montgomery

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

Any novel by Jerry Spinelli (Wringer, Loser, Maniac Magee, Crash)