

Our summer reading lists are designed to assist you in selecting the best literature available for each age. Reading is the gateway to knowledge. There is no more valuable learning activity. The number of books is not as important as the quality of books and the time spent reading.

### **Rising 1st Graders**

Books that will be read and studied in class during the 1st Grade year: Little Bear, Little Bear's Visit, Caps For Sale, The Little House (Burton), The Story About Ping, Stone Soup, Billy and Blaze, Blaze and the Forest Fire, and The Courage of Sarah Noble.

#### I Can Read Books

- Morris Goes to School (Level 1)
- Frog and Toad (5 book series, Level 2)
- Mouse Tales (Level 2)
- Wind in the Willows

I Spy, Each Peach Pear and Plum, 32 p.

Drummer Hoff, 32 p.

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, 20 p.

Doctor DeSoto, 32 p.

Corduroy, 28 p.

Circus Caps for Sale

Curious George, 36 p.

Harry the Dirty Dog, 32 p.

Bread and Jam for Frances, 32 p. (5 book series)

The Little Engine that Could, 37 p.

Floss, 32 p.

Ox-cart Man, 40 p.

Blueberries for Sal, 32 p.

The Magic Fish, 32 p.

Gregory's Shadow, 32 p.

Maybelle The Cable Car, 42 p.

Madeline, 46 p. (6 book series)

Seaman's Journal: On the Trail with Lewis and Clark, 32 p.

Poems to Read to the Very Young, by Josette Frank

### **Rising 2nd Graders**

Henry and Mudge (6 book series, Level 2)

Little Bear, 64 p.

Mr. Putter & Tabby Pour the Tea, 44 p. (4 book series)

Billy and Blaze, 48 p. (6 book series)

The Tales of Peter Rabbit, 50 p. (23 book series)

Nate the Great, 48 p. (5 book series)  
A New Coat for Anna, 40 p.  
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel, 58 p.  
Make Way for Ducklings, 64 p.  
One Morning in Maine, 64 p.  
Burt Dow, Deep Water Man, 64 p.  
Time of Wonder, 64 p.  
The Biggest Bear, 84 p.  
The Velveteen Rabbit, 40 p.  
Sarah Plain and Tall, 52 p.  
The Matchlock Gun, 62 p.  
The Story of Ferdinand, 70 p.  
Flat Stanley, 80 p. (4 book series)  
My Father's Dragon, 96 p. (3 book series)  
A Penny's Worth of Character, 62 p.  
Seaman's Journal: On the Trail with Lewis and Clark, 32 p.  
Ready for chapter books  
The Bears on Hemlock Mountain  
The Case of Hermie the Missing Hamster  
Tall Tales: Winging it with the Wright Brothers  
The Case of the Golden Key  
Balto and the Great Race  
The Canada Geese Quilt  
The Courage of Sarah Noble  
Hannah  
Next Spring an Oriole  
Pioneer Cat

### **Rising 3rd Graders**

Owls in the Family, 91 p.  
Encyclopedia Brown, 100 p. (7 book series)  
Stuart Little, 131 p.  
Homer Price, 149 p.  
Mr. Popper's Penguins, 139 p.  
The Cricket in Times Square, 160 p.  
Rabbit Hill, 120 p.  
Betsy-Tacy, 144 p. (10 book series)  
Grandma's Attic, 140 p. (7 books series)  
The Midnight Fox, 134 p.  
Winnie-the-Pooh, 161 p.  
Indian in the Cupboard, 184 p. (5 book series)  
The Borrowers, 192 p. (5 book series)  
Milly-Molly-Mandy Storybook, 224 p.  
The Railway Children, 267 p.  
Pinocchio, 261 p.

Sign of the Beaver, 144 p.  
Little House in the Big Woods  
Little House on the Prairie  
The Story of Dr. Doolittle, 150 p. (7 book series), Hugh Lofting  
Seaman's Journal: On the Trail with Lewis and Clark, 32 p.

### **Rising 4th Graders**

The Magician's Nephew, C.S. Lewis  
(first of Narnia Chronicles)  
Little House Books (9 book series), Laura Wilder  
The Trumpet of the Swan, 272 p., E.B. White  
Little Lord Fauntleroy, 176 p., Frances Hodgson Burnett  
Pinocchio, 192 p., Carlo Collodi  
Ginger Pye, 300 p.(7 book series about the Moffats and Pyes), Eleanor Estes  
The Black Stallion, 200 p. (18 book series), Walter Farley  
Misty of Chincoteague, 176 p., Marguerite Henry  
Peter Pan, 240 p., J. M. Barrie  
Freddie the Pig Series, 270 p., Walter Brooks  
The Little Colonel Series, 114 p., Annie Fellows Johnson  
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, 162 p., E.L. Konigsburg  
Dangerous Journey, The Story of Pilgrim's Progress, 126 p., Oliver Hunkin  
Seaman: The Dog Who Explored the West with Lewis and Clark, 184 p., Gail Karwoski

### **Rising 5th Graders**

The Chronicles of Narnia, 200 p. (7 book series), C.S. Lewis  
The Secret Garden, 311 p., Frances Hodgson Burnett  
A Little Princess, 245 p., Frances Hodgson Burnett  
Twenty One Balloons, 180 p., William Pene Dubois  
Caddie Woodlawn, 288 p., Carol Ryrie Brink  
Black Beauty, 260 p., Anna Sewell  
The Black Stallion, 200 p. (18 book series), Walter Farley  
Theras and His Town, 237 p., Caroline Dale Snedeker  
Hans Brinker of the Silver Skates, 260 p., Mary Mapes Dodge  
King of the Wind, 172 p., Marguerite Henry  
The Story of a Bad Boy, 312 p., Thomas Bailey Aldrich  
National Velvet, 272 p., Enid Bagnold  
Ballet Shoes, 280 p. (3 book series, Theater Shoes, Dancing Shoes), Noel Streatfeild  
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm, 341 p., Kate Douglas Wiggin  
The Wizard of Oz, 192 p., L. Frank Baum  
Gentle Ben, 191 p., Walter Morey  
Sign of the Beaver, 144 p., Elizabeth George Speare  
Old Yeller, 181 p., Fred Gipson  
Seaman: The Dog Who Explored the West with Lewis and Clark, 184 p., Gail Karwoski  
The Red Keep, 370 p., Allen French

Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow, 240 p., Allen French  
The Lost Baron, 320 p., Allen French

### **Rising 6th Graders**

Men of Iron, 256 p., Howard Pyle  
Otto of the Silver Hand, 173 p., Howard Pyle  
Hitty, Her First One Hundred Years, 262 p., Rachel Field  
(Not the rewrite, which is titled Rachel Field's Hitty)  
Swiss Family Robinson, 416 p., Johann Wyss  
Around the World in Eighty Days, 300 p., Jules Verne  
The Trumpeter of Krakow, 224 p., Eric P. Kelly  
The Phantom Tollbooth, 256 p., Norton Juster  
Where the Red Fern Grows, 230 p., Wilson Rawls  
Little Britches, 260 p., Ralph Moody  
Man of the Family, 272 p., Ralph Moody  
The Home Ranch, 277 p., Ralph Moody  
Other Ralph Moody books, including Come  
On Sea Biscuit, The Fields of Home,  
Mary Emma & Co., Shaking the Nickel Bush, and  
Stagecoach West  
The Witch of Blackbird Pond, 249 p., Elizabeth George Speare  
Calico Captive, 288 p., Elizabeth George Speare  
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The Lost Baron, 320 p., Allen French  
Fallon, 152 p., Louis L'Amour  
First Fast Draw, 156 p., Louis L'Amour  
Trail of Seven Pines, 256 p., Louis L'Amour  
Any Louis L'Amour book or short story  
G.A. Henty Books – Historical fiction set in the Ancient World  
Beric the Briton  
For the Temple  
The Cat of Bubastes  
The Young Carthaginian  
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A Knight of the White Cross  
St. George for England  
The Lion of St. Mark  
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By Right of Conquest

With Lee in Virginia  
With Wolf in Canada  
The Dash for Khartoum  
Facing Death  
Rosemary Sutcliff books  
The Shining Company  
Sword Song  
The Eagle of the Ninth  
The Silver Branch  
Outcast  
Ballantyne books from Vision Forum. Adventure books set in different parts of the world.  
Blue Lights  
The Coral Island  
Deep Down  
The Giant of the North  
The Gorilla Hunters  
Hunted and Harried  
Martin Rattler  
The Pirate City  
Red Rooney  
The Young Fur Traders  
Gascoyne, the Sandal Wood Trader  
The Dog Crusoe and His Master  
The Cannibal Islands  
The Pioneers  
The Island Queen  
Ungava  
The Lonely Island  
The Norsemen in the West  
Post Haste  
Fighting the Flames

### **Rising 7th Graders**

All Anne of Green Gables Books, Maud Montgomery  
The Yearling, 420 p., Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings  
Little Women, 670 p., Louisa May Alcott  
The Lord of the Rings Trilogy, J.R.R. Tolkein  
Journey to the Center of the Earth, 300 p., Jules Verne  
She, 368 p., H. Rider Haggard  
King Solomon's Mines, 292 p., H. Rider Haggard  
Mr. Midshipman Hornblower, 310 p. (11 book series + a companion book of notes and maps), C.S. Forester  
Carry on Mr. Bowditch, 256 p., Jean Latham  
Johnny Tremain, 269 p., Esther Forbes  
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Sword Song

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The Silver Branch

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Ballantyne books from Vision Forum

### **Rising 8th Graders**

Any of the selections on the 7th Grade reading list

The White Company by Arthur Conan Doyle (highly recommended before reading Henry V in 8th grade)

Tom Sawyer

Huckleberry Finn

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea

The Call of the Wild

White Fang

Robinson Crusoe

Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen

Jane Eyre, 465 p., Charlotte Bronte

Mr. Midshipman Hornblower, 310 p. (11 book series + a companion book of notes and maps), C.S.

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All Creatures Great and Small, 437 p., James Herriot

All Things Bright and Beautiful, 437 p., James Herriot

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### **Rising 9th- 12th Graders**

Pride and Prejudice or any Jane Austen book

The Spirit of Saint Louis, Charles Lindbergh

The Hound of the Baskervilles, 252 p., Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

The Count of Monte Cristo, 1400 p. (An abridged version is acceptable), Alexandre Dumas

The Three Musketeers, 560 p., Alexandre Dumas

The Scarlett Pimpernell, 320 p., Baroness Orczy

A Tale of Two Cities, 470 p., Charles Dickens

Great Expectations, 560 p., Charles Dickens

Oliver Twist, 496 p., Charles Dickens

Bleak House, Charles Dickens

Alice in Wonderland (for Logic class)

Through the Looking Glass (for Logic class)

Mr. Midshipman Hornblower, 310 p. (11 book series + a companion book of notes and maps), C.S.

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All Things Wise and Wonderful, 437 p., James Herriot

## 11th & 12th Grade

The Code of the Woosters, 240 p., P.G.Wodehouse  
Carry on Jeeves, 256 p., P.G.Wodehouse  
The Life of Thomas More, 400 p., Peter Ackroyd  
John Adams, 640 p., David McCullough  
Lindbergh, 640 p., A. Scott Berg  
The Scottish Chiefs, Jane Porter  
A Canticle for Leibowitz, Walter M. Miller  
The Screwtape Letters, C.S. Lewis  
Mere Christianity, C.S.Lewis  
Orthodoxy, G.K. Chesterton  
C.S. Lewis for the 21st Century, Peter Kreeft  
Sex, Economy, Freedom, and Community, Wendell Berry  
Technopoly, Neil Postman  
Gone With The Wind, Margaret Mitchell  
The Brothers Karamazov  
Crime and Punishment  
War and Peace  
Anna Karenina, 853 p., Leo Tolstoy  
Kristin Lavransdatter, a trilogy