



## Summer Reading List

Our recommended summer reading list contains high-quality reading material that will prepare your child for the coming school year. We recommend that parents pre-read texts to determine what they feel is appropriate for their child's development - and what they will enjoy!

*There are no required assignments for students rising into grades K - 5 for the next academic school year. Students entering grades 6 - 11 must read the required books listed below each grade.* The lists below are prepared for students rising to each grade.

### Kindergarten and 1st Grade

- *Mother Goose's Nursery Rhymes* - Robert Frederick Publishers
- *The Random House of Mother Goose*, Arnold Lobel
- *The Classic Treasury of Aesop's Fables*, Don Daily
- *Curious George* books, H.A. Rey
- Books by Dr. Seuss such as:
  - *The Cat in the Hat*
  - *Fox in Socks*
  - *Green Eggs and Ham*
  - *Horton Hears a Who*
  - *If I Ran the Zoo*
- Books by Beatrix Potter such as:
  - *Peter Rabbit*
  - *The Tale of Benjamin Bunny*
  - *The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck*
  - *The Tale of Tom Kitten*
- Fairy Tales such as:
  - *Goldilocks*
  - *The Three Little Pigs*
  - *The Ugly Duckling*

- *The Velveteen Rabbit*
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## 2nd Grade

### Suggested Books for NEW 2nd students to ACAGJ

- *The Classic Treasury of Aesop's Fables*, Don Daily
- *The House at Pooh Corner*, A.A. Milne
- *Pinocchio*, Carlo Collodi
- *Treasury of Grimm's Fairy Tales*, The Brothers Grimm

### Books for all 2nd Grade students

- *Beatrix Potter: The Complete Tales*, Beatrix Potter
- *The Biggest Bear*, Lynd Kendall Ward
- *The Blue Fairy Book*, Andrew Lang
- *The Complete Tales of Winnie-the-Pooh*, A.A. Milne
- *George and Martha Series*, James Marshall
- *Just So Stories*, Rudyard Kipling
- *The Magic School Bus* (Specifically books about weather, magnets, tools, the body, insects, animals, and plants), Various Authors
- *The Magic Tree House* series, Mary Pope Osbourne
- *Treasury of Hans Christian Andersen Fairy*, Hans Christia Andersen
- *Stuart Little*, E.B. White

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## 3rd Grade

### Suggested Books for NEW 3rd Grade Students to ACAGJ

- *The Sign of the Beaver*, Elizabeth George Speare
- *Charlotte's Web*, E.B. White
- *Peter Pan*, J.M. Barrie

### Books for all 3rd Grade Students

- *American Tall Tales*, Mary Pope Osbourne
- *The Cricket in Times Square*, George Selden
- *Dealing with Dragons*, Patricia C. Wrede

- *Falling Up*, Shel Silverstein
- *Little House on the Prairie*, Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *The Magic Tree House* series, Mary Pope Osbourne
- *Matilda*, Roald Dahl
- *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, Richard Atwater
- *Phantom Tollbooth*, Norton Juster
- *The Pushcart War*, Jean Merrill
- *Ramona Quimby* series, Beverly Cleary

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## 4th Grade

### Suggested Books for NEW 4th Grade Students to ACAGJ

- *Aladdin and Other Arabian Nights Stories*, Philip Smith
- *Black Beauty*, Anna Swell
- *The Jungle Book*, Rudyard Kipling
- *The Princess and the Goblin* by George MacDonald
- *Farmer Boy* by Laura Ingalls Wilder

### Books for all 4th Grade students

- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, Roald Dahl
- *Dangerous Journey*, Oliver Hunkin
- *D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths*, Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
- *D'Aulaire's Book of Norse Myths*, Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
- *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*, E.L. Konigsburg
- *Guns for General Washington*, Seymour Reit
- *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*, Robert C O'Brien
- *Poppy*, Avi
- *The Reluctant Dragon*, Kenneth Grahame
- *Swiss Family Robinson*, Johann Wyss
- *Twenty-One Balloons*, William Pene DuBois
- *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, Shel Silverstein

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## 5th Grade

## Suggested Books for NEW 5th Grade Students to ACAGJ

- *Johnny Tremain*, Ester Forbes
- *Anne of Green Gables* Series, Lucy Maud Montgomery
- *Stories of Robin Hood Told to the Children*, H.E. Marshall
- *Treasure Island: A Young Reader's Edition of the Classic Adventure*, Robert Louis Stevenson

## Books for all 5th Grade students

- *Boy's King Arthur*, Sidney Lanier
- *Cheaper By the Dozen*, Ernestine Gilbreth Carey
- *Dancing Shoes*, Noel Streatfeild
- *Heidi*, Johanna Spyri
- *King Arthur and His Knights*, Maude Radforde Warren
- *The Magic City*, Edith Nesbit
- *Number the Stars*, by Lois Lowry
- *The Shakespeare Stealer*, Gary Blackwood
- *The Sword in the Tree*, Clyde Robert Bulla
- *A Wrinkle in Time*, Madeleine L'Engle

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## 6th Grade

### Required Book for ALL incoming 6th Graders

### Read and Annotate before the First Day of School

- *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis
  - ISBN: 978-0064404990

## Suggested Books for NEW 6th Grade Students to ACAGJ

- *The Secret Garden*, Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, Mark Twain
- *Wind in the Willows*, Kenneth Grahame
- *Alice in Wonderland*, Lewis Carroll

## Books for all 6th Grade Students

- *Don Quixote* (Core Classics Series edition, abridged)

- *The Eagle of the Ninth*, Rosemary Sutcliff
  - *The Giver*, Lois Lowry
  - *Half Magic*, Edward Eager
  - *Little Women* (Core Classics Series edition, abridged)
  - *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*, Eleanor Coerr
  - *The Secret of Platform Thirteen*, Eva Ibbotson
  - *Souder*, William Armstrong
  - *Tales from Shakespeare*, Charles and Mary Lamb
  - *The Westing Game*, Ellen Raskin
  - Books from the Redwall series, Brian Jacques
  - *Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis
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## 7th Grade

### Required Book for ALL incoming 7th Graders

#### Read and Annotate before the First Day of School

- *The Hobbit*, J.R.R. Tolkien
  - ISBN 978-0618260300

### Suggested Books for NEW 7th Grade Students to ACAGJ

- *Children's Homer*, Padraic Colum
- *Scarlet Pimpernel*, Baroness Orczy
- *The Count of Monte Cristo* (abridged version), Alexandre Dumas
- *Prince and the Pauper*, Mark Twain

### Books for All 7th Grade Students

- *Archimedes and the Door of Science*, Jeanne Bendic
  - *Augustus Caesar's World*, Genevieve Foster
  - *Herodotus and the Road to History*, Jeanne Bendic
  - *Tanglewood Tales*, Nathaniel Hawthorne
  - *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*, Jules Verne
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## 8th Grade

## **Required Book for ALL incoming 8th Graders**

### **Read and Annotate before the First Day of School**

- *A Separate Peace*, John Knowles
  - ISBN: 978-0743253970

## **Suggested Books for NEW 8th Grade Students to ACAGJ**

- *Romeo and Juliet*, William Shakespeare
- *Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury
- *Christmas Carol*, Charles Dickens
- *Call of the Wild*, Jack London
- *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, Robert Louis Stevenson

## **Books for All 8th Grade Students**

- *The Ballad of the White Horse*, G.K. Chesterton
- *Captains Courageous*, Rudyard Kipling
- *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, Mark Twain
- *Gods and Heroes*, Edith Hamilton
- *Shane*, Jack Schaefer

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## **9th Grade**

### **Required Book for ALL incoming 9th Graders**

#### **Read and Annotate before the First Day of School**

- *Frankenstein*, Mary Shelley
  - ISBN: 978-0141439471

## **Suggested Books for NEW 9th Grade Students to ACAGJ**

- *Lord of the Flies*, William Golding
- *To Kill A Mockingbird*, Harper Lee
- *Much Ado About Nothing*, William Shakespeare

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## **10th Grade**

## Required Book for ALL incoming 10th Graders

Students will read and annotate before the first day of school.

- *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde
  - ISBN: 978-0486278070

## Suggested Books for NEW 10th Grade Students to ACAGJ

- *The Iliad*, Homer
- *The Odyssey*, Homer
- *The Aeneid*, Virgil
- *Julius Caesar*, William Shakespeare
- *The Oedipus Cycle*, Sophocles

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## 11th Grade

### Required Book for ALL incoming 11th Graders

Students will read and annotate before the first day of school.

- *My Ántonia* by Willa Cather
  - ISBN: 978-0140187649

## Suggested Books for NEW 11th Grade Students to ACAGJ

- *Beowulf*
- *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*
- *The Canterbury Tales*, Geoffrey Chaucer
- *Inferno*, Dante Alighieri
- *Paradise Lost*, John Milton
- *A Tale of Two Cities*, Charles Dickens
- *Pride and Prejudice*, Jane Austen
- *Macbeth*, William Shakespeare

## Books for all 7-11th Grade Students

- *O! Pioneers*, Willa Cather
- *Three Musketeers*, Alexandre Dumas
- *Across Five Aprils*, Irene Hunt

- *All Men Are Brothers* and others, Pearl S. Buck
- *Anna and the King of Siam*, Margaret Landon
- *Anne of Green Gables* and others, Lucy Maud Montgomery
- *Christy*, Catherine Marshall
- *Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank
- *Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom
- *Island of Dr. Moreau* by H. G. Wells
- *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell
- *Life of David Crockett* by Davy Crockett
- *Life on the Mississippi* by Mark Twain
- *Lord of the Rings Trilogy* by J. R. R. Tolkein
- *Lost World* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- *Night Flight* by Antoine de Saint-Exupery
- *Nikolenka's Childhood* by Leo Tolstoy
- *Pictures of Travel in Sweden* by Hans Christian Anderson
- *Profiles in Courage* by John F. Kennedy
- *Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane
- *Scarlet Pimpernel* by Baroness Orczy
- *Space Trilogy* by C. S. Lewis
- *Watership Down* by Richard Adams
- *White Company* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- *White Fang* by Jack London

## Upper School Advanced Literature

- *Frankenstein* by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley
- *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens
- *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift
- *Hunchback of Notre Dame* by Victor Hugo
- *Ivanhoe* by Sir Walter Scott
- *Legends of the Alhambra* by Washington Irving
- *Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo
- *Lost Queen of Egypt* by Lucile Morrison
- *Master of Ballantrae* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Middlemarch* by George Eliot

- *Mythology* by Edith Hamilton
- *Nicholas Nickleby* by Charles Dickens
- *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens
- *Oregon Trail* by Francis Parkman
- *Pilgrim's Progress* and others by John Bunyan
- *Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Taking of the Bastille* by Alexandre Dumas
- *Talisman* by Sir Walter Scott
- *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brönte