



Dear Parents,

Encourage your children to always read something good and to choose some of the books they read from great book lists like this one! If our children grow to love to read because from an early age they develop the habit of being entertained by the exciting world of literature, we have done our job as educators. Many of these books can be read together or read to children. It is impossible to construct a comprehensive reading list that will include every worthy book. A book read by these authors (though not on this list) should also “count” as a classical book read. Biographies are also great for children to read, as are the purely science and historical books which we have in our classrooms. Additionally, the Ignatius Press saint books are great for children as are saint books from other publishers.

Enjoy Your Journey,

Jim Grogan, Principal

Grades K-3

1. The Courage of Sarah Noble, Alice Dalgliesh
2. Charlotte’s Web, E.B. White
3. The Complete Adventures of Peter Rabbit, Beatrix Potter
4. Mr. Popper’s Penguins, Richard and Florence Atwater
5. The Velveteen Rabbit, Margery Williams
6. Blueberries for Sale, Robert McCloskey
7. Make Way for Ducklings, Robert McCloskey
8. Caps for Sale, Esphyr Slobodkina
9. Little House in the Big Woods, Laura Ingalls Wilder
10. Madeline (and other books in series), Ludwig Bemelmans
11. Frog and Toad are Friends, Arnold Lobel
12. Aesop’s Fables, S.A. Handford
13. D’Aulaires Book of Greek Myths, Edgar and Ingrid D’Aulaires
14. Little Bear, Else Holmelund Minarik
15. Pompeii...Buried Alive, Edith Kunhardt Davis
16. Sarah, Plain and Tall, Patricia MacLachlan
17. The Story About Ping, Marjorie Flack
18. The Boxcar Children, Gertrude Chandler Warner



19. Homer Price, Robert McCloskey
20. Mother Goose Rhymes
21. Childcraft Series
22. The Trojan Horse, Warwick Hutton or David Clement Davies
23. Curious George, H.A. Rey
24. Henry and Mudge, Cynthia Rylant
25. Ox Cart Man, Donald Hall
26. Stuart Little, E.B. White
27. The Trumpet and the Swan, E.B. White
28. The Ugly Duckling, Hans Christian Anderson
29. A Door in the Wall, Marguerite de Angeli
30. Amelia Bedelia, Peggy Parish
31. Billy and Blaze, Clarence William Anderson
32. Corduroy, Don Freeman
33. Dr. DeSoto, William Stieg
34. Frog and Toad Together, Arnold Lobel
35. Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie, Peter and Connie Roop
36. The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, C.S. Lewis
37. Little Bear's Visit, Else Holmelund Minarik
38. Stone Soup, Marcia Brown
39. The Little Engine that Could, Watty Piper
40. The Story of Ferdinand, Munro Leaf
41. Tut's Mummy, Judy Donnelly
42. Winnie the Pooh, A.A. Milne
43. Alice's Adventure in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll
44. Detectives in Togas, Henry Winterfield
45. Frog and Toad, Arnold Lobel
46. Harry and the Dirty Dog, Gene Zion
47. The Hundred Dresses, Eleanor Estes
48. Lassie Come-Home, Eric Knight
49. The Bobbsey Twins: *Merry Days Indoors and Out* , Laura Lea Hope
50. The Enchanted Castle, Edith Nesbitt
51. The Railway Children, Edith Nesbitt
52. The Aesop for Children, Aesop
53. Just so Stories, Rudyard Kipling
54. Water Babies, Charles Kingsley
55. Jungle Book, Rudyard Kipling
56. The Crimson Fairy Book, Andrew Lang
57. The Grey Fairy Book, Andrew Lang
58. The Pied Piper of Hamelin, Robert Browning
59. The Arabian Nights, Edited by Andrew Lang
60. Little House in the Big Woods, Laura Ingalls Wilder



61. Little House on the Prairie, Laura Ingalls Wilder
62. On the Banks of Plum Creek, Laura Ingalls Wilder
63. By the Shores of Silver Lake, Laura Ingalls Wilder
64. The Long Winter, Laura Ingalls Wilder
65. Farmer Boy, Laura Ingalls Wilder
66. Little Town on the Prairie, Laura Ingalls Wilder
67. These Happy Golden Years, Laura Ingalls Wilder
68. Misty of Chincoteague, Marguerite Henry

Classical Literature Curriculum—Grades 4-6

1. Wind in the Willows, Kenneth Grahame
2. Black Ships Before Troy, Rosemary Sudcliffe
3. King Arthur and His Knights of the Roundtable, Roger Lancelyn Green
4. Robin Hood, Roger Lancelyn Green/E. Charles Vivian/Neil Philip/Howard Pyle
5. The Bronze Bow, Elizabeth George Speare
6. Mara, Daughter of the Nile, Elouise Jarvis McGraw
7. A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens
8. Cheaper By the Dozen, Gilbreth
9. Goodbye Mr. Chips, James Hilton
10. The Golden Fleece, Padraig Colum
11. A Door In the Wall, Marguerite De Angeli
12. Secret Garden, Frances Hodgson Burnett
13. Tales From Shakespeare, Charles and Mary Lamb
14. King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, Roger Lancelyn Green
15. The Jungle Book, Rudyard Kipling
16. Caddie Woodlawn, Carol Ryrie Brink
17. Number the Stars, Lois Lowry
18. Robinson Crusoe, Daniel DeFoe
19. Swiss Family Robinson, Johann David Wyss
20. The Witch of Blackbird Pond, Elizabeth George Speare
21. Where the Red Fern Grows
22. Amos Fortune, Elizabeth Yates
23. Carry on Mr. Bowditch, Jean Lee Latham
24. From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankenweiler, E.L. Konigsburg
25. Heidi, Johanna Spyri
26. Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH, Robert C. O'Brien
27. Summer of the Monkeys, Wilson Rawls
28. Sign of the Beaver, Elizabeth George Speare
29. Stuart Little, E.B. White
30. Twenty-One Balloons, William Pene du Bois
31. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Roald Dahl



32. D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths, Edgar and Ingri D'Aulaire
33. My Side of the Mountain, Jean Craighead George
34. Old Yeller, Fred Gipson
35. Princess and the Goblin, George McDonald
36. Princess and the Curdy, George McDonald
37. Rascal, Sterling North
38. The House of Sixty Fathers, Meindert DeJong
39. The Wanderings of Odysseus, Rosemary Sutcliff
40. The Prince and the Pauper, Mark Twain
41. The Yearling, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
42. Anne of Green Gables, Lucy Maud Montgomery
43. Beowulf, Frederick Rebsamen
44. Black Beauty, Anna Sewell
45. National Velvet, Enid Bagnold
46. Log of the Cowboy, Andy Adams
47. Flower Fables, Louisa May Alcott
48. Cautionary Tales for Children, Hilaire Belloc
49. Alice in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll
50. Through the Looking Glass, Louis Carroll
51. The Arabian Nights, Edited by Andrew Lang
52. Little Lord Fauntleroy, Frances Hodgson Burnett
53. The Warlord of Mars, Edgar Rice Burroughs
54. The Chessmen of Mars, Edgar Rice Burroughs
55. Thuvia, Maid of Mars, Edgar Rice Burroughs
56. The Knight of the White Cross, G.A. Henty
57. The Story of a Bad Boy, Thomas Bailey Aldrich
58. The Cat of Bubastes, G.A. Henty
59. The Prince and the Pauper, Mark Twain
60. A Tale of the Western Plains, G.A. Henty
61. White Fang, Jack London
62. An Old Fashioned Girl, Louisa May Alcott
63. Rose in Bloom, Louisa May Alcott
64. 20,000 Leagues under the Sea, Jules Verne
65. From the Earth to the Moon, Jules Verne
66. Tarzan of the Apes, Edgar Rice Burroughs
67. The Fellowship of the Ring, J.R.R. Tolkien

Classical Literature—Grades 7-8

1. Treasure Island, Robert Louis Stevenson
2. To Kill A Mockingbird, Harper Lee



3. The Black Arrow, Robert Louis Stevenson
4. The Wolves of Willoughby Chase, Joan Aiken
5. Johnny Tremain, Esther Forbes
6. Little Women, Louisa May Alcott
7. Julius Caesar, William Shakespeare
8. The Call of the Wild, Jack London
9. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Mark Twain
10. Huckleberry Finn, Mark Twain
11. The Story of Rolf and Viking Bow, Allen French
12. Gulliver's Travels, Jonathan Swift
13. The Red Badge of Courage
14. To Kill A Mockingbird
15. Across Five Aprils, Irene Hunt
16. Diary of Anne Frank, Anne Frank
17. Macbeth, William Shakespeare
18. Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas, Frederick Douglas
19. Screwtape Letters, C.S. Lewis
20. Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, J.R.R. Tolkien
21. The Autobiography of Ben Franklin, Ben Franklin
22. The Song of the Scaffold, Gertrud Von le Fort
23. My Brother Sam Is Dead, Tim Meeker
24. The Scarlett Pimpernel, Emma Orczy
25. Great Expectations, Charles Dickens
26. Henry V, Shakespeare
27. Saint Joan of Arc, Mark Twain
28. Sounder, William H. Armstrong
29. Shadows on the Rock, Willa Cather
30. All Creatures Great and Small, James Herriot
31. The Hound of the Baskervilles. Arthur Conan Doyle
32. The Last of the Mohicans, James Fennimore Cooper
33. The Necklace, Guy de Maupassant
34. The Scarlett Letter, Nathaniel Hawthorne
35. Abigail Adams and Her Times, Laura Elizabeth Howe Richards
36. All Quiet on the Western Front, Erich Maria Remarque
37. Uncle Tom's Cabin, Harriet Beecher Stowe
38. Oliver Twist, Charles Dickens
39. Wulf the Saxon, G.A. Henty
40. For the Temple, G.A. Henty
41. At the Foot of the Rainbow, Gene Stratton-Porter
42. The Deerslayer, James Fenimore Cooper
43. David Copperfield, Charles Dickens
44. Ivanhoe, Sir Walter Scott

