

Reading Focus

“Why are we reading, if not in hope of beauty laid bare, life heightened and its deepest mystery probed? Why are we reading if not in hope that the writer will magnify and dramatize our days, will illuminate and inspire us with wisdom, courage, and the possibility of meaningfulness, and will press upon our minds the deepest mysteries, so that we may feel again their majesty and power?”

Annie Dillard, *The Writing Life*

“The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles but to irrigate deserts. The right defense against false sentiments is to inculcate just sentiments. By starving the sensibility of our pupils we only make them easier prey to the propagandist when he comes. For famished nature will be avenged and a hard heart is no infallible protection against a soft head.”

C.S. Lewis, *The Abolition of Man*

Course Texts

First Grade

Little Bear
Frog and Toad are Friends
Winter on the Farm
Christmas in the Big Woods
Caps for Sale
Keep the Lights Burning Abbie
Stone Soup
Billy and Blaze
Blaze and the Forest Fire
Make Way for Ducklings
A Child’s Garden of Verses

Second Grade

Prairie School
Animal Folk Tales of America
The Little House in the Big Woods
Beatrix Potter Tales
The Courage of Sarah Noble
A Child’s Garden of Verses
2 Beautiful Stories From Shakespeare

Third – Fourth Grade

Farmer Boy
A Bear Called Paddington
Mr. Popper’s Penguins
Charlotte’s Web
D’Aulaire’s Greek Myths
3&4 Tales from Shakespeare
Leif the Lucky
Meet Christopher Columbus
Pocahontas
The Cabin Faced West
Meet George Washington
Sarah, Plain and Tall
Daniel Boone
Meet Thomas Jefferson
Benjamin Franklin
Meet Abraham Lincoln
Clara Barton
Riding the Pony Express
Helen Keller
Laura Ingalls Wilder
A Penny’s Worth of Character

Fifth Grade

Adam of the Road
The Door in the Wall
King Arthur & His Knights of the Round Table
The Adventures of Robin Hood
The Landing of the Pilgrims
Madeleine Takes Command
The Witchcraft of Salem Village
Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia
The American Revolution
Guns for General Washington
Calico Bush
Stowaway

Seventh Grade

Iliad
Odyssey
Treasure Island
Wind in the Willows
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Fourth Grade

Heidi
Dangerous Journey
The Lion Witch and the Wardrobe
The Blue Fairy Book
3&4 Tales from Shakespeare
Ben and Me
Mr. Revere and I
Liberty: How the Revolutionary War Began
Louisa May Alcott
Hiawatha
Benjamin West and His Cat Grimalkin
Molly Pitcher
The Wright Brothers

Sixth Grade

The Trojan War
The Bronze Bow
The Hobbit
Indian Captive
Poor Richard
Chains
Johnny Tremain
Gettysburg
Carry On, Mr. Bowditch

Eighth Grade

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight
Beowulf
The Hound of the Baskervilles
A Midsummer Night’s Dream

Fourth – Eighth: Shakespeare’s Julius Caesar (Spring 2022 play)

Supplemental Reading Lists

Kindergarten – First Grade

Little Bear's Visit
A Birthday for Francis
Bread and Jam for Francis
Owl at Home
Mouse Takes
Danny the Dinosaur
Curious George
The Magic Fish
The Bears on Hemlock Mountain
A New Coat for Anna
The Biggest Bear
A Chair for My Mother
The Emperor's New Clothes
Doctor DeSoto
Corduroy
Ox-Cart Man
Pioneer Cat
Balto and the Great Race
The Tale of Peter Rabbit
Blaze and The Lost Quarry
The Little House
Nate the Great
The Ugly Duckling
Miss Nelson is Missing
Morris Goes to School
The Story of Ferdinand
Harry the Dirty Dog
Madeline
Gregory's Shadow
Flat Stanley
Henry and Mudge (series, 28 books)
Magic Tree House (series)
Easy Reader Classics (series)
National Geographic Readers (series)
American Museum of Natural History Easy Readers (series)
DK Readers (series)
Scholastic Readers (series)

Second Grade

A.A. Milne Winnie the Pooh
The Boxcar Children – Warner
Little House (Series) – Wilder
The Bears on Hemlock Mountain – Dalglish
Fairy Tales – Anderson
Fairy Tales – Grimm
More Stories from Grandma's Attic – Richardson
Miss Fanny's Hat – Karon
The Little Red Lighthouse – Swift
The Little Engine that Could – Piper
The Littles (any) - Peterson
Encyclopedia Brown (any) – Sobol
Velveteen Rabbit – Williams
Amelia Bedelia – Parish
Pilgrim Boy – Smith
Mouse and the Motorcycle – Cleary
Henry and Rigsby - Cleary
Sarah Plain and Tall – MacLaughlin
Helen Keller (biography)
Mysterious Tadpole - Kellogg
Johnny Appleseed – Kellogg
Lentil – McCloskey
Author: Bill Peet (any)
Milly Molly Mandy – Brisley
The Best Loved Doll – Caudill
Owls in the Family – Mowat
Stone Fox – Gardiner
Mirette on the High Wire – McGully
Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot – Raven
When Jesse Came Across the Sea – Hest
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble – Steig
Brambly Hedge (any) – Barklem
Country Bunny the Little Gold Shoes – Heyward
The Amazing Air Balloon – Leeuwen
Hannah – Whelan

The Gardener – Sarah Stewart
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel – Burton
Maybelle the Cable Car – Burton
Magic Tree House (series)

Third Grade

The Yellow Fairy Book
The Red Fairy Book
The Borrowers series –Norton
Chronicles of Narnia (any) – Lewis
My Father’s Dragon series
Freddy the Pig series – Brooks
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH – O’Brien
Grandma’s Attic – Richardson
Seaman’s Journal: On the Trail with Lewis and Clark – Eubank
The Cricket in Times Square – Seldon
Gentle Ben - Morey
The Black Stallion – Farley
The Velveteen Rabbit – Williams
The Midnight Fox – Byars
The Great Turkey Walk – Karr
The Story of Doctor Doolittle – Lofting
The Biggest Bear – Ward
Pinocchio – Collodi
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang – Flemming
Leepike Ridge – Wilson
Tree Castle Island – George
My Side of the Mountain – George
Mary Poppins - P.L. Travers
The Dragon of Lonely Island – Rupp
Cabin on Trouble Creek – Leeuwen
Trouble at Timpetill – Winterfeld

Third Grade Read Aloud

Winnie the Pooh - A.A. Milne
Mary Poppins - P.L. Travers
D’Aulaires’ Book of Norse Myths
American Tall Tales – Osborne
The Saturdays - Enright
James Herriot’s Treasury for Children
A Day on Skates – Stockum
The Magician’s Nephew – Lewis
The Borrower – Norton
The Secret Garden – Burnett
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon – Lin

Third Grade (continued)

Chronicles of Narnia (Series) – Lewis
Misty of Chincoteague – Henry
St. George and the Dragon – Hodges
All of a Kind Family – Taylor
Stuart Little – White
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
Trumpet of the Swan – White
The Moffats – Estes
Homer Price – McCloskey

Peppermints in the Parlor – Wallace
Hundred and One Dalmatians – Smith
Stone Fox – Gardiner
A Lion to Guard Us – Bulla
The Matchlock Gun – Edmonds
Betsy and Tracy series– Lovelace
Hannah – Whelan
The Divide – Bedard
River Boy – Anderson
Cappybobby – Peet
Ballet Shoes – Streatfield
Scottish Seas – Jones
The Marvelous Inventions of Alvin Fernald– Hicks
Strawberry Girl – Lenski
Pecos Bill – Bowman
The Hundred Dresses – Estes

Fourth Grade

Seaman: The Dog Who Explored the West with
Lewis and Clark – Karwoski
The Enormous Egg – Butterworth
Pinocchio – Collodi
Children’s Homer – Colum
The Golden Fleece – Colum
The Roman Mysteries – Lawrence
The Story of Rome (Usborne) – Dickins
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the
Looking Glass – Carroll
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Dahl
Abraham Lincoln and George Washington -
d’Aulaire
Melendy Quartet – Enright
Ginger Pye – Estes
The Red Keep – French
Old Yeller – Gipson
King of the Wind – Henry
Misty of Chincotega – Henry
Paddle to the Sea – Holling
The Indian in the Cupboard – Banks
Rifles for Watie – Keith
Lassie Come Home – Knight

Fourth Grade Read Aloud

An Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving – Alcott
The Story of the Treasure Seekers – Nesbit
I Saw Three Ships – Goudge
Peter Pan – Barrie
The Apple and the Arrow – Buff
Farmer Giles of Ham – Tolkien
The Black Stallion - Farley
Swallows and Amazons - Ransome
The Reluctant Dragon – Grahame
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase – Aiken
Just So Stories – Kipling

Fourth Grade (continued)

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E
Frankweiler – Konigsburg
Rabbit Hill – Lawson
Owls in the Family – Mowat
The Railway Children – Nesbit
Mrs. Frisby and Rats of NIMH – O’Brian
Bill Peet: An Autobiography – Peet
Beorn The Proud – Pollard
Pollyanna – Porter

The Yearling – Rawlings
Where the Red Fern Grows – Rawls

Percy Jackson Olympian series – Riordan
Philomena – Seready
A Tree for Peter – Seready
The Singing Tree – Seready
The Good Master – Seready
Five Little Peppers and How They Grew – Sidney
The Green Ember – Smith
The Sign of the Beaver – Speare
The Cay – Taylor
Detectives in Togas – Winterfeld

Fifth Grade

The Golden Goblet – McGraw
National Velvet- Bagnold
A Little Princess – Burnett
Swiss Family Robinson – Weiss
Tuck Everlasting – Babbitt
Secret Garden – Burnet
Out of the Dust – Hesse
Bud and Me – Abernathy
The Spanish Brothers – Alcock
Eight Cousins – Alcott
The King’s Shadow – Alder
Andersen’s Fairy Tales Crispin – Avi
The Wizard of Oz – Baum
Archimedes and the Door of Science –Bendick
The Shakespeare Stealer – Blackwood
Crown and Covenant Series – Bond
Caddie Woodlawn – Brink
Baby Island – Brink
A Little Princess – Burnett
The Midnight Fox – Byars
Understood Betsy – Canfield
The Kellyhorns – Cooney
The Boy in the Alamo – Cousins
The Wanderer – Creech
James and the Giant Peach – Dahl
The Silver Pencil – Dalgliesh
House of Sixty Fathers – DeJong
The Wheel on the School – DeJong
Hans Brinker or the Silver Skates – Dodge
The Drums of War – Doyle
The Twenty-One Balloons – Du Bois
Duel in the Wilderness – Farley
The Whipping Boy – Fleischman

Fifth Grade Read Aloud

A Christmas Carol – Dickens
A Wrinkle in Time – L’Engle
Call It Courage – Sperry
Black Beauty – Sewell
Island of the Blue Dolphins – O’Dell
Number the Stars – Lowry
The Prince in the Pauper – Twain
Little Lord Fauntleroy – Burnett
The Incredible Journey – Burnford
The Winged Watchman – Stockum

Fifth Grade (continued)

Old Yeller – Gipson
Beric the Briton – Henty
The Cat of Bubastes – Henty
The Young Carthian – Henty
Redwall – Jacques
Huguenot Garden – Jones
Scottish Seas – Jones
Seaman – Karwoski
The Trumpeter of Krakow – Kelly
Daughters of Faith (any) – Lawton
Puritan Adventure – Lenski
Chronicles of Narnia (any) – Lewis
Snow Treasure – McSwigan
Anne of Green Gables – Montgomery
Gentle Ben – Morey
Ransom’s Mark – Oatman
(Author) Patricia St. John
Beorn the Proud – Pollard
The Life of Washington – Pollard
Otto of the Silver Hand – Pyle
Five Little Peppers and How they Grew – Sidney
The Captain’s Dog – Smith
Theras and His Town – Snedeker
The Witch of Blackbird Pond – Speare
Calico Captive – Speare
The Mysterious Benedict Society – Stewart
Black Ships Before Troy - Sutcliff
Wanderings of Odysseus - Sutcliff
The Cay – Taylor
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm – Wiggin
100 Cupboards – Wilson
Dandelion Fire – Wilson
The Chestnut King – Wilson

Fifth Grade Challenging Books

The Small Woman – Burgess
Brigadier General – Doyle
Kim – Kipling
The Pushcart War – Merrill
Little Britches – Moody
My Friend Flicka – O’Hara
Kidnapped – Stevenson
Lad: A Dog – Terhune

Sixth Grade

Chronicles of Prydain (series) – Alexander
God’s Smuggler – Andrew
Iron Thunder – Avi
Small Woman – Aylward
Pilgrim’s Progress – Bunyan
Father Brown Stories – Chesterton
Narrative of the Life of David Crockett
Little Maid (any) – Curtis
House of Sixty Fathers – DeJong
Twenty and Ten – DuBois
Stout Hearted Seven – Frazier
Brady – Fritz
Homesick – Fritz
Blue Willow – Gates
My Side of the Mountain – George
Carry a Big Stick – Grant
Tales of Ancient Egypt – Green

The Tale of Troy – Green
Tales of the Greek Heroes – Green
The Luck of Troy – Green
By Right of Conquest – Henty
The Dragon and the Raven – Henty
In Freedom’s Cause – Henty
Winning His Spurs – Henty
Wulf the Saxon – Henty
A Knight of the White Cross – Henty
St. George for England – Henty
The Lion of St. Mark – Henty

Sixth Grade Challenging Books

Tolkien – Carpenter
Martin Luther, Hero of Faith – Nohl
Foxe’s Book of Martyrs – Foxe
All Creatures Great and Small – Herriot
Kim – Kipling
Henry V – Shakespeare

Sixth Grade (continued)

A Father’s Promise – Hess
Up a Road Slowly – Hunt
Phantom Tollbooth – Juster
Lee and Grant at Appomatox – Kantor
The Trumpeter of Krakow – Kelly
The Jungle Book – Kipling
Lassie Come Home – Knight
The Great Wheel – Lawson
Daughters of Faith – Lawton
Shadow of His Hand – Lawton
Out of the Silent Planet – Lewis
Call of the Wild – London
White Fang – London
A Girl of the Limberlost – Porter
The Yearling – Rawlings
Evidence Not Seen – Rose
The Hero Schliemann: The Dreamer Who Dug for
Troy – Schlitz
The Deadly Hunt – Shirer
The Black Arrow – Stevenson
Air Raid, Pearl Harbor – Taylor
The Cay – Taylor
Huckleberry Finn – Twain
A Coming Evil – Velde
Journey Through the Night – Vries
War of the Worlds – Wells
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm – Wiggin
Amos Fortune – Yates

Seventh – Eighth Grade

Watership Down – Adams
Agamemnon – Aeschylus
Little Women – Alcott
Robinson Crusoe -Defoe
Sherlock Holmes – Doyle
The Three Musketeers – Dumas
Through Gates of Splendor – Elliot
Mister Midshipman Hornblower – Forester
She – Haggard
King Solomon’s Mines – Haggard
The Greek Way – Hamilton
The Roman Way – Hamilton
By Right of Conquest – Henty
With Lee in Virginia– Henty
With Wolf in Canada– Henty
The Dash for Khartoum– Henty
Facing Death– Henty
Across Five Aprils – Hunt
The Good News of the Return of the King – Jahosky

Seventh – Eighth Grade (continued)

Screwtape Letters – Lewis
Michael Faraday – Ludwig
From Achilles to Christ – Markos
Captains Courageous – Kipling
The Scarlet Pimpernel – Orczy
Anne of Green Gables series – Montgomery
The Chestnut Oak – Sereby
Henry V – Shakespeare
Quo Vadis - Henryk Sienkiewicz
The Shining Company – Sutcliff
Sword Song – Sutcliff
The Silver Branch – Sutcliff
Outcast – Sutcliff
The Eagle of the Ninth – Sutcliff
Lord of the Rings trilogy – Tolkien
Around the World in Eighty Days – Verne
Journey to the Center of the Earth– Verne
Ben Hur – Wallace
Swiss Family Robinson – Wyss

2022 Summer Reading

Rising Grades 1-3 – Each student will receive a 100 Days of Summer Reading Challenge Journal. Students select books from the Supplemental Reading lists and their own home and local library.

Expectations for participants can be found [HERE](#). Students who complete this journal by the first day of school will be recognized with a certificate at an Opening Assembly in September.

Rising Grades 5-6 – Students are to read *Story of the World Volume 2: The Middle Ages* by Susan Wise Bauer. They should then choose books from their grade-level supplemental list that they did not finish during the school year.