

## ***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*

## *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

### **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  
Trouble at Timpetill – Winterfeld  
The Moffats – Estes  
Homer Price – McCloskey  
The Hundred Dresses – Estes  
Peppermints in the Parlor – Wallace  
Cabin on Trouble Creek – Leeuwen  
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  
Pecos Bill – Bowman  
The Divide – Bedard  
River Boy – Anderson  
Cappybobby – Peet  
Ballet Shoes – Streatfield  
Scottish Seas – Jones  
The Marvelous Inventions of Alvin Fernald– Hicks  
Strawberry Girl – Lenski  
Little House on the Prarie Books

### **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

## **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, George Washington - d’Aulaire  
The Tale of Despereaux- DiCamillo  
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  
Chronicles of Narnia (any) – Lewis

## **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 Twenty-One Balloons –du Bois  
The Yearling – Rawlings  
Where the Red Fern Grows – Rawls  
Lassie Come Home – Knight  
Percy Jackson 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 Roman Ransom- Winterfeld  
Detectives in Togas – Winterfeld

## **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

## **Fifth Grade**

The Golden Goblet – McGraw  
National Velvet- Bagnold  
A Little Princess – Burnett  
Swiss Family Robinson – Weiss  
Tuck Everlasting – Babbitt  
Secret Garden – Burnett  
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

## **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 Carthingian – Henty  
Redwall – Jacques  
Huguenot Garden – Jones  
Scottish Seas – Jones  
Seaman – Karwoski  
The Trumpeter of Krakow –Kelly  
Daughters of Faith (any) – Lawton  
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm – Wiggin  
Chronicles of Narnia (any) – Lewis  
Snow Treasure – McSwigan  
Anne of Green Gables – Montgomery  
Gentle Ben – Morey  
Ransom’s Mark – Oatman  
The Whipping Boy – Fleischman  
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 Odysseey - Sutcliff  
100 Cupboards – Wilson  
Dandelion Fire – Wilson  
The Chestnut King – Wilson

## **American Studies Books**

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

## **Sixth Grade**

Chronicles of Prydain (series) – Alexander  
The Lion of St. Mark – Henty  
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  
Across Five Aprils – Hunt  
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

## **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  
Song of Charlemagne – Barbara Willard  
The Great Wheel – Lawson  
Daughters of Faith – Lawton  
Shadow of His Hand – Lawton  
Journey Through the Night – Vries  
War of the Worlds – Wells  
White Fang – London  
A Girl of the Limberlost – Porter  
The Yearling – Rawlings  
The Cay – Taylor  
The Hero Schliemann: The Dreamer Who Dug for  
Troy – Schlitz  
The Deadly Hunt – Shirer  
The Black Arrow – Stevenson  
Air Raid, Pearl Harbor – Taylor  
All Creatures Great and Small – Herriot  
Kim – Kipling  
Henry V – Shakespeare

## **American Studies Books**

Indian Captive -Lenski  
Poor Richard- Daughtery  
Chains—Anderson  
Johnny Tremain—Forbes  
Gettysburg—Landmark Books  
Carry On, Mr. Bowditch—Latham

### **Seventh – Eighth Grade**

Watership Down – Adams  
Agamemnon – Aeschylus  
Little Women – Alcott  
Robinson Crusoe -Defoe  
Sherlock Holmes – Doyle  
The Three Musketeers – Dumas  
Don Quixote—Cervantes  
Mister Midshipman Hornblower – Forester  
Christy by Catherine Marshall  
King Solomon’s Mines – Haggard  
Tom Sawyer –Twain  
Huckleberry Finn- Twain  
Call of the Wilrd --London  
Facing Death—Henty  
By Right of Conquest – Henty  
With Lee in Virginia– Henty  
With Wolf in Canada– Henty  
The Dash for Khartoum– Henty  
Out of the Silent Planet – Lewis

### **Seventh – Eighth Grade (continued)**

As You Like It—Shakespeare  
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  
Leaf by Niggle—Tolkein  
Treasure Island—Stevenson  
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

## ***2023 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 as well as a reward party.

**Rising Grade 4** – Students are to read *Story of the World Volume 1: The Ancient World* by Susan Wise Bauer. They should then choose books from their grade-level supplemental list that they did not finish during the school year.

**Rising Grade 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.

**Rising Grade 7/8** – Students are to read *The Book of the Ancient World* by Dorothy Mills. They should then choose books from their grade-level supplemental list that they did not finish during the school year.

**Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Only-** The Trojan War by Olivia Coolidge