



Literature from the Curriculum

Books listed on this page are read during the school year as a part of the curriculum. We ask families to please refrain from reading the books ahead of schedule and reserve these texts as part of the academic experience at NCA. Families are welcome to go back and read any books the student may have missed or would like to revisit from a previous year.

Kindergarten	First Grade
Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales	Assorted Fairy Tales
The Velveteen Rabbit	The Tale of Peter Rabbit
Winnie the Pooh	Pinocchio
Second Grade	Third Grade
Greek Mythology	Roman & Norse Mythology
American Tall Tales	Jungle Book
Sign of the Beaver	Farmer Boy
Peter Pan	The Princess and the Goblin
Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
Treasure Island*	Wind in the Willows
Legend of Sleepy Hollow*	The Secret Garden
Robin Hood*	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Anne of Green Gables	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
Johnny Tremain	Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass
St. George and the Dragon	Sherlock Holmes
Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade
The Children's Homer	Fahrenheit 451
The Scarlet Pimpernel	The Call of the Wild
The Prince and the Pauper	A Christmas Carol
The Count of Monte Cristo	Romeo and Juliet
Eighth Grade	Ninth Grade
Lord of the Flies	The Illiad
To Kill a Mockingbird	The Odyssey
Robinson Crusoe	The Aeneid
Much Ado About Nothing	Julius Ceasar
Tenth Grade	Eleventh Grade
Beowulf	The Scarlet Letter
The Canterbury Tales	Moby Dick
Macbeth	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
Paradise Lost	
Pride and Prejudice	
A Tale of Two Cities	
Twelfth Grade	
Hamlet	
Crime and Punishment	
Heart of Darkness	
The Metamorphosis	

Kindergarten & First Grade Suggested Reading

Title	Author	Lexile Category
Frog and Toad (series)	Arnold Lobel	Early
Little Bear (series)	Else Minarik	Early
Frances (series)	Russell Hoban	Early
Poppleton (series)	Cynthia Rylant	Early
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie	Laura Numeroff	Early
Daniel's Duck	Clyde Robert Bulla	Early
Mouse Soup	Arnold Lobel	Early
Mouse Tales	Arnold Lobel	Early
George and Martha (series)	James Marshal	Early - Transitional
Henry and Mudge (series)	Cynthia Rylant	Early - Transitional
Annie and Snowball (series)	Cynthia Rylant	Early - Transitional
Harry (series)	Gene Zion	Early - Transitional
The Secret Valley	Clyde Robert Bulla	Early - Transitional
The Little Engine That Could	Watty Piper	Early - Transitional
Corduroy (series)	Don Freeman	Transitional
Oscar Otter	Nathaniel Benchley	Transitional
Stone Soup	Marcia Brown	Transitional
New Coat for Anna	Harriet Seifert	Transitional
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel	Virginia Burton	Transitional
Blueberries for Sal	Robert McCloskey	Transitional
Ben Franklin and the Magic Squares	Frank Murphy	Transitional
The Tale of Benjamin Bunny	Beatrix Potter	Transitional
Henny Penny	Paul Galdone	Transitional
Madeline (series)	Ludwig Bemelmans	Transitional
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs	Judi Barrett	Transitional
The Story of Ferdinand	Munro Leaf	Transitional
Dr. Seuss (series)	Dr. Seuss	Unknown
Chapter Books		
Nate the Great (series)	Marjorie Sharmat	Transitional
The Boxcar Children (series)	Gertrude Warner	Transitional
Flat Stanley (series)	Jeff Brown	Transitional
Magic Tree House (series)	Mary Pope Osborne	Transitional

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Second Grade Suggested Reading – Picture Books

Title	Author	Lexile Category
Miss Nelson (series)	Henry Allard	Early
Frances (series)	Russell Hoban	Early-Transitional
Mouse Soup	Arnold Lobel	Transitional
Nate the Great (series)	Marjorie Sharmat	Transitional
Mercy Watson (series)	Kate DiCamillo	Transitional
Red Fox and his Canoe	Nathaniel Benchley	Transitional
Petunia	Roger DuVoisin	Transitional
Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims	Clyde Robert Bulla	Transitional
Sam, the Minuteman	Nathaniel Benchley	Transitional
Jerome Camps Out	Eileen Christelow	Transitional
Pocahontas and the Strangers	Clyde Robert Bulla	Transitional
Billy and Blaze (series)	C.W. Anderson	Transitional
The Great Pig Escape	Eileen Christelow	Transitional
Peppe, the Lamplighter	Elisa Bartone	Transitional
A Picnic in October	Eve Bunting	Transitional
One Morning in Maine	Robert McCloskey	Transitional
Henry Huggins	Beverly Cleary	Fluent
Make Way for Ducklings	Robert McCloskey	Fluent
Henry and Risby	Beverly Cleary	Fluent
The Story of Ferdinand	Munro Leaf	Fluent
Lyle, Lyle Crocodile (series)	Bernard Waber	Fluent
The Quiltmaker's Gift	Jeff Brumbeau	Fluent
Socks	Beverly Cleary	Fluent
Lentil	Robert McCloskey	Fluent
Abraham Lincoln	Ingri and Edgar d'Aulaire	Fluent
Time of Wonder	Robert McCloskey	Fluent
A Child's Garden of Verses	Robert Louis Stevenson	Fluent
Brambly Hedge (series)	Jill Barklem	Unknown
Chanticleer and the Fox	Barbara Cooney	Unknown
Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes	Dubose Heyward	Unknown
A First Book of Fairy Tales	Hoffman	Unknown
Tippy Lemmey	Patricia McKissack	Unknown

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Second Grade Suggested Reading – Chapter Books

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The Boxcar Children (series)	Gertrude Warner
The Littles (series)	John Peterson
Cam Jansen (series)	David Adler
Betsy (series)	Carolyn Haywood
Caleb's Story	Patricia MacLachlan
Encyclopedia Brown (series)	Donald Sobol
The Trojan Horse	Emily Little
The Bears on Hemlock Mountain	Alice Dalgliesh
Tornado	Betsy Byars
The Courage of Sarah Noble	Alice Dalgliesh
Paddington Bear (series)	Michael Bond
Sarah, Plain and Tall	Patricia MacLachlan
Bobbsey Twins (series)	Laura Hope
James and the Giant Peach	Roald Dahl
Milly-Molly-Mandy (series)	Joyce Brisley
The Best-loved Doll	Rebecca Caudill
Eddie (series)	Carolyn Haywood
Tippey Lemmey	Patricia McKissack

Third Grade Suggested Reading

Title	Author
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Richard Atwater
Indian in the Cupboard (series)	Lynn Banks
Paddington Bear(series)	Michael Bond
Milly-Molly-Mandy (series)	Joyce Brisley
The Big Wave	Pearl Buck
The Apple and the Arrow	Conrad & Mary Buff
A Lion to Guard Us	Robert Clyde Bulla
Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims	Robert Clyde Bulla
Frindle	Andrew Clements
Pedro's Journal	Pam Conrad
Abraham Lincoln	Ingri d'Aulaire and Edgar Parin
Benjamin Franklin	Ingri d'Aulaire and Edgar Parin
Columbus	Ingri d'Aulaire and Edgar Parin
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl
The Story of Thomas Alva Edison	Margaret Davidson
The Tale of Despereaux	Kate DiCamillo
Because of Winn Dixie	Kate DiCamillo
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	Kate DiCamillo
The Twenty-one Balloons	Pene Dubois
The Matchlock Gun	Walter D. Edmonds
The Hundred Dresses	Eleanor Estes
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	Ian Fleming
And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?	Jean Fritz
Can't You Make Them Behave, King George?	Jean Fritz
Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln	Jean Fritz
Shh...We're Writing the Constitution	Jean Fritz
What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?	Jean Fritz
Where Do You Think You're Going, Christopher Columbus?	Jean Fritz
The Reluctant Dragon	Kenneth Grahame
Phoebe the Spy	Judith Berry Griffin
Brighty of the Grand Canyon	Marguerite Henry
Misty of Chincoteague	Marguerite Henry
Harness	Thomas Jefferson
Paul Bunyan	Steven Kellogg
Strawberry Girl	Lois Lenski
Narnia (series)	C.S. Lewis
Betsy & Tacy (series)	Maud Lovelace
The Secret of the Sealed Room	Bailey MacDonald
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle (series)	Betty MacDonald
The Candy Makers	Wendy Mass
The Railway Children	E. Nesbit
The Borrowers (series)	Mary Norton
Tales from the Odyssey (series)	Mary Pope Osborne

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Lawn Boy	Gary Paulson
The Cricket in Times Square	George Selden
The Five Little Peppers (series)	Margaret Sidney
One Hundred and One Dalmatians	Dodie Smith
Bard of Avon: The Story of William Shakespeare	Diane Stanley
Charles Dickens: The Man Who Had Great	
Expectations	Diane Stanley
Leonardo da Vinci	Diane Stanley
Freedom Train	Dorothy Sterling
Corgiville Fair	Tasha Tudor
Red Sails to Capri	Ann Weil
Stuart Little	E. B. White
The Battle for the Castle	Elizabeth Winthrop
Childhood of Famous Americans (series)	Various Authors
The Courage of Sarah Noble	Alice Dalgliesh
The Light Princess	George MacDonald

Fourth Grade Suggested Reading

Title	Author
Peter Pan	J.M. Barrie
The Big Wave	Pearl Buck
Chalk Box Kid	Robert Clyde Bulla
Ida Early books	Robert Burch
A Little Princess	Francis Burnett
The Incredible Journey	Sheila Burnford
The Summer of the Swans	Betsy Byars
Understood Betsy	Dorothy Canfield
Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia	Margaret Cousins
The Terrible Wave	Marden Dahlstedt
The House of Sixty Fathers	Meindert DeJong
The Little Prince	Antoine deSaint Exupery
Because of Winn Dixie	Kate DiCamillo
Black Stallion (series)	Walter Farley
The Red Keep	Allen French
The Lost Baron	Allen French
The Cabin Faced West	Jean Fritz
Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln	Jean Fritz
Shh...We're Writing the Constitution	Jean Fritz
What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?	Jean Fritz
White Stallions of Lipizza	Marguerite Henry
Bobbsey Twins (series)	Laura Hope
The Story of Eli Whitney	Jean Lee Latham
Ben and Me	Robert Lawson
Mr. Revere and I	Robert Lawson
Indian Captive	Lois Lenski
Strawberry Girl	Lois Lenski
Narnia (series)	C.S. Lewis
Pippi Longstocking (series)	Astrid Lindgren
The Princess and the Goblin	George MacDonald
The Lost Princess	George MacDonald
Homer Price	Robert McCloskey
The Story of the Treasure Seekers	E. Nesbit
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	Robert O'Brien
Harness	Thomas Jefferson
The Cricket in Times Square	George Selden
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell
The Little Riders	Margaretha Shaman
Diary of an Early American Boy	Eric Sloane
In Their Own Words: Paul Revere	Sullivan
The Thirteen Clocks	James Thurber
Mary Poppins	P.L. Travers
Little House (series)	Laura Ingalls Wilder
Detectives in Togas	Henry Winterfeld
The Mystery of the Roman Ransom	Henry Winterfeld
Mountain Born	Elizabeth Yates

Fifth & Sixth Grade Suggested Reading

Title	Author
Born Free	Joy Adamson
Little Women	Louisa Alcott
Crispin	Avi
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	Avi
Tuck Everlasting	Natalie Babbitt
National Velvet	Enid Bagnold
Miss Hickory	Carolyn Sherwin Bailey
The Wizard of Oz	Frank Baum
The Nickel-Plated Beauty	Patricia Beatty
Turn Homeward, Hannalee	Patricia Beatty
Shakespeare Stealer	Blackwood
Tolliver's Secret	Esther Brady
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll
The Golden Fleece	Padraic Colum
Where the Lilies Bloom	Vera & Bill Cleavers
Book of Greek Myths	Ingri D'Aulaire
The Door in the Wall	Marguerite DeAngeli
The Wheel on the School	Meindert DeJong
Along Came a Dog	Meindert DeJong
Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Gone Away Lake	Elizabeth Enright
The Moffatts	Eleanor Estes
Calico Bush	Rachel Field
Bull Run	Paul Fleischman
Johnny Tremain	Esther Forbes
The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane	Russell Freedman
The Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow	Allen French
Homesick, My Own Story	Jean Fritz
The Cabin Faced West	Jean Fritz
The Great Little Madison	Jean Fritz
My Side of the Mountain	Jean George
Old Yeller	Fred Gibson
Cheaper by the Dozen	Frank Gilbreth
The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame
Adam of the Road	Elizabeth Gray
The Tale of Troy	Roger Lancelyn Green
The Princess and Curdie	George MacDonald
A Boy Knight: A Tale of the Crusades	G.A. Henty
Up a Road Slowly	Irene Hunt
Across Five Aprils	Irene Hunt
Rip Van Winkle	Washington Irving
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow	Washington Irving
Phantom Tollbooth	Norton Juster
The Great Turkey Walk	Kathleen Karr

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From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	E.L. Konigsburg
Lassie Come Home	Eric Knight
Carry on, Mr. Bowditch	Jean Lee Latham
The Great Wheel	Robert Lawson
A Wrinkle in Time (series)	Madeleine L'Engle
A Ring of Endless Light	Madeleine L'Engle
Narnia (series)	C.S. Lewis
Doctor Dolittle (series)	Hugh Lofting
The Princess and the Goblin	George MacDonald
The Lost Princess	George MacDonald
At the Back of the North Wind	George MacDonald
The Wise Woman and Other Stories	George MacDonald
Anne of Green Gables	Lucy Maud Montgomery
Thomas Jefferson	Mullin
The Boy's War	Jim Murphy
The Black Pearl	Scott O'Dell
My Friend Flicka	Mary O'Hara
Adventures of Don Quixote	Palacios
Bridge to Terabithia	Katherine Patterson
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen
Men of Iron	Howard Pyle
The Westing Game	Ellen Raskin
The Yearling	Marjorie Rawlings
Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell
The Rescuers	Margery Sharp
Theras and His Town	Caroline Dale Snedeker
The Witch of Blackbird Pond	Elizabeth George Speare
Calico Captive	Elizabeth George Speare
Call it Courage	Armstrong Sperry
Heidi	Johanna Spyri
The Perilous Road	William Steele
The Eagle of the Ninth	Rosemary Sutcliff
Black Ships Before Troy	Rosemary Sutcliff
Gulliver's Travels	Jonathon Swift
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry	Mildred Taylor
The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien
Banner in the Sky	James Ramsey Ullman
Around the World in 80 Days	Jules Verne
The Trumpet of the Swan	E.B. White
Rebecca of Sunnybrooke Farm	Kate Wiggin
Son of Charlemagne	Barbara Willard
The God King	Joanne Williamson
Blackthorn Winter	Douglas Wilson
Susan Creek	Douglas Wilson
100 Cupboards (series)	N.D. Wilson
Detectives in Togas	Henry Winterfeld
Swiss Family Robinson	Johann Wyss