



VERITAS ACADEMY

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At-Home Reading List Policy

Veritas Academy desires to instill in our students a love of reading. The at-home reading lists provided in Grades K-6th help facilitate this desire. These lists also provide a way for parents to be engaged in their child's education. Lists include books as "read-alouds" (parents reading to their children) and "readers" (books read by the students 1st-6th).

We also desire to keep these lists simple and the books as accessible as possible. Veritas provides a limited number of each book for each grade, for borrowing. While it is the responsibility of parents to obtain the books, please borrow from Veritas when possible or obtain from local bookstores, public libraries, or internet sites. If you would like to borrow books from Veritas, please check with the teacher for availability.

Books on tape/CD are permitted as read-alouds. Families with multiple children are permitted to read aloud a book to all of their children provided the book is from the list of the student in the highest grade or if the family is continuing a book series (Chronicles of Narnia or Little House books). Please note this on the younger children's list when you are substituting a book from a higher reading list.

Books studied in Literature and History classes will be provided by Veritas. These book lists may be found in the class syllabi. You do not need to obtain these books.

Each grade level has different specifications for the number of "readers" and "read-alouds" encouraged and/or required to be read. Please see the grade specific lists for those details. The check list provided at the end of each list is for you, the parent, to sign and keep track of the books your child has read and you have read aloud. Please keep this list handy and initial as books are completed throughout the year.

Happy Reading!





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**2016-2017 School Year
First Grade Reading List**

Obtaining Books

Veritas has a few copies of each book available for borrowing. Please check with your child's teacher for availability. It is the responsibility of the parent to obtain the books. Here are some sources for obtaining books:

- 1) Used book stores or internet sites (e.g. Amazon.com)
- 2) Local Library
- 3) Borrow from Veritas (as available)

First Grade Reading Policy- Parents are strongly encouraged to complete the books from the read-aloud list. Students are strongly encouraged to complete all of the readers. Parents with multiple students are encouraged to begin with the books from the History/Geography list before substituting from other lists.

History/Geography Course - Seven Continents and Seven Seas: This course is an elementary introduction to world geography. First graders will study each of the seven continents, learning about its topography, flora, fauna, people, nations, cities, customs and traditions. The books labeled with an asterisk (*) correspond to Seven Continents and Seven Seas specifically. The order of the geography units and their corresponding books is on the next page.

Parents, please initial books read and read-aloud on the check list provided.

Read-Alouds (read by parent to student)

Favorite Poems of Childhood by Philip Smith

***The Librarian Who Measured the Earth** by Kathryn Lasky

***Maps and Globes** by Jack Knowton

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

***The Year of Miss Agnes** by Kirkpatrick Hill

***Simon Bolivar** by Frank DeVarona

The Aesop for Children Illustrated by Milo Winter

White Stallion of Lipizza by Marguerite Henry

***The Little Riders** by Margaretha Shemin

***Marco Polo** by Charles Graves

***Little Pear** by Eleanor Lattimore

Mountain Born by Elizabeth Yates

***A Question of Yams** by Gloria Repp

***Twenty One Balloons** by William Pene DuBois

***Mr. Popper's Penguins** by Richard Atwater

Betsy, Tacy and Tib by Maude Hart Lovelace

The Light at Tern Rock by Julia Sauer

The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner
Gooney Bird Green by Lois Lowry (alternate)
***Star of Light** by Patricia St. John (alternate/parental editing)

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Readers (read by the students themselves)

The Best Trick by Rebecca Lewis
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
Little Bear by Else Minarik
Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss
Stop That Ball by Mike McClintock
A Big Ball of String by Marion Holland
The Bravest Dog Ever by Natalie Standiford
One Fish, Two Fish by Dr. Seuss
My Little Boy by Joan Phillips

Read-Aloud Order to Follow Geography Study

Continents:	<u>Maps and Globes</u>
North America:	<u>The Year of Miss Agnes</u>
Europe: Netherlands, Germany, WWII	<u>The Little Riders</u>
Europe & Asia:	<u>Marco Polo</u>
Asia/China:	<u>Little Pear</u>
Africa/ Middle East:	<u>Star of Light</u>
South America:	<u>Simon Bolivar</u>
Oceania:	<u>Twenty-One Balloons</u>
Oceania/ Papua New Guinea:	<u>A Question of Yams</u>
Oceania/ Antarctica:	<u>Mr. Popper's Penguins</u>

First Grade Reading Checklist

Parents, please initial as your child has completed the readers and you have completed the read-alouds with your child. Please keep this list handy and initial as books are completed throughout the year. (denotes History/Geography)*

Title	Author	Date	Parent Initials
Read Alouds			
Favorite Poems of Childhood	Philip Smith		
*The Librarian Who Measured the Earth	Kathryn Lasky		
* Maps and Globes	Jack Knowton		
Little House on the Prairie	Laura Ingalls Wilder		
*The Year of Miss Agnes	Kirkpatrick Hill		
*Simon Bolivar	Frank DeVarona		
The Aesop for Children	Illustrated by Milo Winter		
White Stallion of Lipizza	Marguerite Henry		
*The Little Riders	Margaretha Shemin		
*Marco Polo	Charles Graves		
*Little Pear	Eleanor Lattimore		
Mountain Born	Elizabeth Yates		
*A Question of Yams	Gloria Repp		
*The Twenty-One Balloons	William Pene DuBoise		
*Mr. Popper's Penguins	Richard Atwater		
Betsy, Tacy and Tib	Maude Hart Lovelace		
The Light at Tern Rock	Julia Sauer		
The Boxcar Children	Gertrude Chandler Warner		
Gooney Bird Green (alternate)	Lois Lowry		
*Star of Light (alternate/ parental editing)	Patricia St. John		
Readers			
The Best Trick	Rebecca Lewis		
Green Eggs and Ham	Dr. Seuss		
Little Bear	Else Minarik		
Cat in the Hat	Dr. Seuss		
Stop that Ball	Mike McClintock		
A Big Ball of String	Marion Holland		
The Bravest Dog Ever	Natalie Standiford		
One Fish, Two Fish	Dr. Seuss		
My Little Boy	Joan Phillips		

