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2023-2024 School Year Kindergarten Reading List

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Read-Alouds: These books are read by the parent to the student. Parents are strongly encouraged to choose 20 or more, including at least *15 chapter books/children's collections* and *5 picture books*.

Chapter books and Children's Collections:

A Bear called Paddington by Michael Bond
A Grain of Rice by Helena Pittman
Betsy-Tacy by Maude Lovelace
Dragons of Blueland by Ruth Gannett
Dolphin Adventure by Wayne Grover
Dolphin Treasure by Wayne Grover
Elmer and the Dragon by Ruth Gannett
Five True Dog Stories by Margaret Davidson
In Grandma's Attic by Arleta Richardson
James Herriot's Treasury for Children by James Herriot
Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Lavender's Blue Nursery Rhymes by Kathleen Lines and Harold Jones
Mary on Horseback by Rosemary Wells
My Father's Dragon by Ruth Gannett
Peter Rabbit's Giant Storybook by Beatrix Potter
Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren
Raggedy Ann and Andy a Read Aloud Treasury by Johnny Gruelle
Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner
The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose by Arnold Lobel
Favorite Nursery Rhymes from Mother Goose by Scott Gustafson
The House at Pooh Corner by A. A. Milne
The Llama Who Had No Pajama by Mary Ann Hoberman
The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
The Story of Dr. Doolittle by Hugh Lofting
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum
Capyboppy by Bill Peet

Picture Books:

Bedtime for Frances by Russell Hoban

Billy and Blaze by C.W. Anderson

Johnny Appleseed by Gini Holland

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey

One Morning in Maine by Robert McCloskey

Sammy the Seal and others by Syd Hoff

The Egg by M.P. Robertson

The Story About Ping by Marjorie Flack

The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf

When I Was Young in the Mountains by Cynthia Rylant

Danny the Dinosaur by Syd Hoff

Richard Scarry's Please and Thank You Book by Richard Scarry

Kindergarten Reading Checklist

Please choose a total of 20 books including 15 chapter books/children's collections and 5 picture books. Once you have completed each read aloud, date and initial in the appropriate space.

Title	Author	Date	Parent Initials
Chapter Books/Children's Collections – choose 15			
A Bear Called Paddington	Michael Bond		
A Grain of Rice	Helena Pittman		
Betsy-Tacy	Maude Lovelace		
Dolphin Adventure	Wayne Grover		
Dolphin Treasure	Wayne Grover		
Dragons of BlueLand	Ruth Gannett		
Elmer the Dragon	Ruth Gannett		
Five True Dog Stories	Margaret Davidson		
In Grandma's Attic	Arleta Richardson		
James Herriot's Treasury for Children	James Herriot		
Lavender's Blue Nursery Rhymes	Kathleen Lines and Harold Jones		
Little House in the Big Woods	Laura Ingalls Wilder		
Mary on Horseback	Rosemary Wells		
My Father's Dragon	Ruth Gannett		
Peter Rabbit's Giant Storybook	Beatrix Potter		
Pippi Longstocking	Astrid Lingren		
Raggedy Ann and Andy A Read Aloud Treasury	Johnny Gruelle		
Stone Fox	John Reynolds Gardiner		
Favorite Nursery Rhymes from Mother Goose	Scott Gustafson		
The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose	Arnold Lobel		
The House at Pooh Corner	A. A. Milne		
The Llama Who Had No Pajama	Mary Ann Hoberman		
The Mouse and the Motorcycle	Beverly Cleary		
The Story of Dr. Doolittle	Hugh Lofting		
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz	Frank Baum		
Capyboppy	Bill Peet		

Title	Author	Date	Parent Initials
Picture Books – choose 5			
Bedtime for Frances	Russell Hoban		
Billy and Blaze	C.W. Anderson		
Johnny Appleseed	Gini Holland		
Make Way for Ducklings	Robert McCloskey		
One Morning in Maine	Robert McCloskey		
Sammy the Seal	Syd Hoff		
The Egg	M.P. Roberston		
The Story About Ping	Marjorie Flack		
The Story of Ferdinand	Munro Leaf		
When I Was Young in the Mountains	Cynthia Rylant		
Danny The Dinosaur	Syd Hoff		
Richard Scarry’s Please and Thank You Book	Richard Scarry		



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Readers (read by the student)

Students are required to complete all ten readers.

Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
A Fish out of Water by Helen Palmer
The Big Honey Hunt by Stan and Jan Berenstain
The Diggingest Dog by Al Perkins
Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories by Dr. Seuss
Frog and Toad Together by Arnold Lobel
Little Bear by Else Minarik
Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss
The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto by Natalie Standiford
One Fish, Two Fish by Dr. Seuss

Read-Alouds (choose 12 books – 8 Geography/4 general, read by parent)

The Read Aloud books are more challenging, and it is strongly encouraged that a parent read these books to the child. The Read Aloud list is comprised of ten history books and eleven general books. Students must complete at least eight of the history books and at least six of the other books.

General Read-Alouds – Choose 4 (read by parent to student)

Favorite Poems of Childhood by Philip Smith
Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder
The Aesop for Children Illustrated by Milo Winter
White Stallion of Lipizza by Marguerite Henry
Mountain Born by Elizabeth Yates
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

Geography Integrated Reading - This course is an elementary introduction to world geography. First graders will study each of the seven continents, learning about topography, flora, fauna, people, nations, cities, customs and traditions. The order of the geography units and their corresponding books is below. Students are required to complete eight of the Geography Read-Alouds.

Geography Read-Alouds – Choose 8 (read by parent to student)

August-September

The Librarian Who Measured the Earth by Kathryn Lasky
Maps and Globes by Jack Knowton

October-November

The Year of Miss Agnes by Kirkpatrick Hill

December

The Secret of the Andes by Ann Nolan Clark

January-February

The Little Riders by Margaretha Shemin
Who Was Marco Polo by Joan Holub

March

Little Pear by Eleanor Lattimore
A Question of Yams by Gloria Repp

April

Twenty One Balloons by William Pene DuBois

May

Beat the Story Drum, Pum-Pum by Ashley Bryan

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 Geography)*

Title	Author	Date	Parent Initials
Read Alouds – 12 Required - 8 Geography/4 General			
Favorite Poems of Childhood	Philip Smith		
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Little House on the Prairie	Laura Ingalls Wilder		
*The Year of Miss Agnes	Kirkpatrick Hill		
*Beat the Story Drum, Pum-Pum	Ashley Bryan		
The Aesop for Children	Illustrated by Milo Winter		
White Stallion of Lipizza	Marguerite Henry		
*The Little Riders	Margaretha Shemin		
*Who Was Marco Polo	Joan Holub		
*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	Lois Lowry		
*The Secret of the Andes	Ann Nolan Clark		
Readers – 10 Required			
Green Eggs and Ham	Dr. Seuss		
A Fish Out of Water	Helen Palmer		
The Big Honey Hunt	Stan and Jan Berenstain		
The Diggingest Dog	Al Perkins		
Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories	Dr. Seuss		
Frog and Toad Together	Arnold Lobel		
Little Bear	Else Minarik		
Cat in the Hat	Dr. Seuss		
The Bravest Dog Ever	Natalie Standiford		
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2nd Grade Reader Books (read by the student)

Students should read each book independently. Quarter 1 books should also be read orally to a parent. Quarterly book summaries will be assigned.

Quarter 1 (one per week, any order)

Amelia Bedelia (to be read in class)
Surprises by Lee Bennett Hopkins
The Fire Cat by Esther Averill
Nate the Great by Marjorie Sharmat
Frog and Toad All Year by Arnold Lobel
Frog and Toad Together by Arnold Lobel
Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel
Mouse Tales by Arnold Lobel
Owl at Home by Arnold Lobel

Quarter 2 (one per week, any order)

The Biggest Bear by Lynd Ward
Least of All by Carol Purdy
Greg's Microscope by Millicent Selsam
The Big Balloon Race by Eleanor Coerr
Wagon Wheels by Barbara Brenner
Hill of Fire by Thomas Lewis
Daniel's Duck by Clyde Bulla
Nate the Great Where Are You? by Marjorie Sharmat
Cam Jansen Case #1 by David Adler

Quarter 3 (one per week, any order)

Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie by Connie Roop
Blaze and the Forest Fire by Clarence Anderson
Pompeii...Buried Alive by Edith Kunhardt
Titanic Lost and Found by Judy Donnelly
Chanticleer and the Fox by Barbara Cooney
Mercy Watson to the Rescue by Kate DiCamillo
A to Z Mysteries: The Absent Author by Ron Roy
Cam Jansen Case #5 by David Adler
Nate the Great and the Missing Birthday Snake by Marjorie Sharmat

Quarter 4 (one per week, any order)

The Bears on Hemlock Mountain by Alice Dalgliesh
Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride by Kate DiCamillo
A to Z Mysteries: The Canary Caper by Ron Roy
Cam Jansen Case #9 by David Adler
Nate the Great and the Owl Express by Marjorie Sharmat
The Sword in the Tree by Clyde Bulla (2 weeks)

2nd Grade Read Aloud Books

Parents should read these books to the child. Four of the fiction books are required, and eight of the ten history books.

Fiction Books: (read at least four)

A Child's Garden of Verses by Robert Louis Stevenson

Mrs. Piggle Wiggle by Betty McDonald

Kildee House by Rutherford Montgomery

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis

Farmer Boy by Laura Ingalls Wilder

The Apple and the Arrow by Mary and Conrad Buff

Beezus and Ramona by Beverly Cleary

Ginger Pye by Eleanor Estes

The Family Under the Bridge by Natalie Savage Carlson

The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman

The Minstrel in the Tower by Gloria Skurzinsky

History Course Integrated Reading - Kings and Queens: This course gives an overview of seven of western history's most illustrious kings and queens in order to acquaint students with the events and achievements of the periods they represent and to see how God has sovereignly worked through them. The reigns of Tutankhamen, Alexander the Great, Caesar Augustus, Alfred the Great, Queen Elizabeth, Louis XIV and Queen Victoria will be the focus of the course. The books labeled with an asterisk (*) correspond to Kings and Queens specifically.

History Books: (read at least eight out of ten)

Ancient Egypt: Tut's Mummy Lost and Found by Judy Donnelly

Ancient Greece: Alexander the Great by Robert Green
The Trojan Horse by Emily Little

Ancient Rome: Twice Freed by Patricia St. John

Middle Ages: Castle Diary by Richard Platt
Tales of Robin Hood by Tony Allan

Renaissance: Good Queen Bess by Diane Stanley & Peter Vennema
The Apprentice by Pillar Liorente

Baroque: The Little Lame Prince by Dinah Maria Craik

Victorian Era: Heidi by Johanna Spyri

Second Grade Reading Checklist

Parents, please initial as your child has completed the readers and you have completed the read-alouds with your child.

Title	Author	Date	Parent Initials
Read Alouds- choose 12 (8 history and 4 fiction) * denotes corresponding to Kings & Queens Unit			
A Child's Garden of Verses	Robert Louis Stevenson		
*Tut's Mummy Lost and Found	Judy Donnelly		
*The Trojan Horse	Emily Little		
*Alexander the Great	Robert Green		
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle	Betty McDonald		
*Twice Freed	Patricia St. John		
*Castle Diary	Richard Platt		
*Tales of Robin Hood	T. Allan		
Kildee House	Rutherford Montgomery		
*Good Queen Bess	Diane Stanley & Peter Vennema		
*The Apprentice	Pillar Llorente		
*The Little Lamé Prince	Dinah Maria Craik		
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe	C.S. Lewis		
*Heidi (condensed version)	Johanna Spyri		
Farmer Boy	Laura Ingalls Wilder		
The Apple and the Arrow	Mary and Conrad Buff		
Beezus and Ramona	Beverly Cleary		
Ginger Pye	Eleanor Estes		
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Third Grade students are required to read and have read aloud the number of books specified in each section. Parents, please initial books read and read-aloud on the check list provided.

Read-Alouds (choose 4 or more, 1 each quarter, parent reads to student)

The Oxford Illustrated Book of American Children's Poems by Donald Hall

The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth Speare

Paddle-to-the-Sea by Holling C. Holling

Mr. Revere and I by Robert Lawson

Justin Morgan Had a Horse by Marguerite Henry

The Journeyman by Elizabeth Yates

Swift Rivers by Cornelia Meigs

Mother West Wind's Children by Thornton Burgess

On the Banks of Plum Creek by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Carry On, Mr. Bowditch by Jean Lee Latham

Imprisoned in the Golden City by Dave Jackson

Minn of the Mississippi by Holling C. Holling

The Dragon of Lonely Island by Rebecca Rupp

The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis

Indian Captive by Lois Lenski

Readers (choose 8 or more, read by student)

The Matchlock Gun by Walter Edmonds

The Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh

Phoebe the Spy by Judith Griffin

Meet George Washington by Joan Heilbroner

Robert Fulton, Boy Craftsman by Marguerite Henry

Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan

Skylark by Patricia MacLachlan (Sequel to Sarah, Plain and Tall)

The Cabin Faced West by Jean Fritz

Sarah Witcher's Story by Elizabeth Yates

The Skippack School by Marguerite de Angeli

The Thanksgiving Story by Alice Dalgliesh

Om-kas-toe by Kenneth Thomasma

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Thimble Summer by Elizabeth Enright

Baby Island by Carol Ryrie Brink
Encyclopedia Brown by Donald Sobel
Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry
The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes

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Title	Author	Date	Parent Initials
Read Alouds- choose 4, 1 each quarter, parent reads			
The Oxford Illustrated Book of American Children's Poems	Donald Hall		
The Sign of the Beaver	Elizabeth Speare		
Paddle-to-the-Sea	Holling C. Holling		
Mr. Revere and I	Robert Lawson		
Justin Morgan Had a Horse	Marguerite Henry		
The Journeyman	Elizabeth Yates		
Swift Rivers	Cornelia Meigs		
Mother West Wind's Children	Thornton Burgess		
On the Banks of Plum Creek	Laura Ingalls Wilder		
Carry On, Mr. Bowditch	Jean Lee Latham		
Imprisoned in the Golden City	Dave Jackson		
Minn of the Mississippi	Holling C. Holling		
The Dragon of Lonely Island	Rebecca Rupp		
The Magician's Nephew	C.S. Lewis		
Indian Captive	Lois Lenski		
Readers- choose 8, student reads			
The Matchlock Gun	Walter Edmonds		
The Courage of Sarah Noble	Alice Dalgliesh		
Phoebe the Spy	Judith Griffin		
Meet George Washington	Joan Heilbroner		
Robert Fulton, Boy Craftsman	Marguerite Henry		
Sarah, Plain and Tall	Patricia MacLachlan		
Skylark (sequel to Sarah, Plain and Tall)	Patricia MacLachlan		
The Cabin Faced West	Jean Fritz		
Sarah Witcher's Story	Elizabeth Yate		
The Skippack School	Marguerite de Angeli		
The Thanksgiving Story	Alice Dalgliesh		
Om-kas-toe	Kenneth Thomasma		
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl		
Thimble Summer	Elizabeth Enright		
Baby Island	Carol Ryrie Brink		
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Fourth Grade students are required to read the number of books specified in each section.

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

Read-Alouds (choose 4 or more, 1 each quarter, parent reads to student)

The Great Turkey Walk by Kathleen Karr

By the Great Horn Spoon by Sid Fleischman

Hero Over Here by Kathleen Kudlinski

Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt by Jean Fritz

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor

Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt

The Winged Watchman by Hilda Van Stockum

By the Shores of Silver Lake by Laura Ingalls Wilder

The Rescuers by Margery Sharp

The Story of the Treasure Seekers by E. Nesbit

Miracles on Maple Hill by Virginia Sorensen

The Wheel on the School by Meindert de Jong and Maurice Sendak

Cheaper By the Dozen by Frank Gilbreth and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr

Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco

The Horse and His Boy by C.S. Lewis (*to be read after The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe is studied in class*)

Readers (choose 10 or more, 2 each 1st & 2nd quarters, 3 each 3rd & 4th quarters, student reads)

Shades of Grey by Carolyn Reeder

All of a Kind Family by Sydney Taylor

Old Yeller by Fred Gipson

Sing Down the Moon by Scott O'Dell

Stuart Little by E.B. White

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

The Long Winter by Laura Ingalls Wilder

All Sails Set by Armstrong Sperry

Little Britches by Ralph Moody
Helen Keller by Margaret Davidson
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord
Gone Away Lake by Elizabeth Enright
The Perilous Road by William Steele
The Journey to Ellis Island by Carol Bierman
Abraham's Battle by Sara Harrell Banks
Strawberry Girl by Lois Lenski
Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks
The Cricket in Times Square by George Seldon
Twenty and Ten by Claire Huchet Bishop
Thimble Summer by Elizabeth Enright
Sunder by William H. Armstrong
Behind Rebel Lines by Seymour Reit
Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman by Dorothy Sterling
The Great Wheel by Robert Lawson
The Wright Brothers by Quentin Reynolds
We'll Race You, Henry Ford by Barbara Mitchell

A summary will need to be written upon completion of each book. The summary should be handwritten on a sheet of notebook paper. Please use cursive with at least 7 *complete sentences* in a well written paragraph.

Each summary needs to include the following:

- Title (as the heading)
- Author
- Setting (time and place)
- Main characters
- Main idea of the book
- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

Fourth Grade Reading Checklist

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Title	Author	Date	Parent Initials	Teacher Initials
Read Alouds- choose 4, 1 each quarter, parent reads				
Across Five Aprils	Irene Hunt			
Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt	Jean Fritz			
By the Great Horn Spoon	Sid Fleischman			
By the Shores of Silver Lake	Laura Ingalls Wilder			
Cheaper by the Dozen	Frank Gilbreth & Ernestine Gilbreth Caray			
The Great Turkey Walk	Kathleen Karr			
Hero Over Here	Kathleen Kudlinski			
The Horse and His Boy	C.S. Lewis			
Miracles on Maple Hill	Virginia Sorensen			
Pink and Say	Patricia Polacco			
The Rescuers	Margery Sharp			
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred Taylor			
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	Eleanor Coerr			
The Story of the Treasure Seekers	E. Nesbit			
The Wheel on the School	Meindert de Jong & Maurice Sendak			
The Winged Watchman	Hilda Van Stockum			
Readers- choose 10 or more, 2 each 1st & 2nd quarters, 3 each 3rd & 4th quarters, student reads				
Abraham's Battle	Sara Harrell Banks			
All of a Kind Family	Sydney Taylor			
All Sails Set	Armstrong Sperry			
Behind Rebel Lines	Seymour Reit			
The Cricket in Times Square	George Sheldon			
Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman	Dorothy Sterling			
Gone Away Lake	Elizabeth Enright			
The Great Wheel	Robert Lawson			
Helen Keller	Margaret Davidson			
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson	Bette Bao Lord			

Indian in the Cupboard	Lynne Reid Banks			
The Journey to Ellis Island	Carol Bierman			
Little Britches	Ralph Moody			
The Long Winter	Laura Ingalls Wilder			
Old Yeller	Fred Gipson			
The Perilous Road	William Steele			
Shades of Grey	Carolyn Reeder			
Sing Down the Moon	Scott O'Dell			
Souder	William H. Armstrong			
Stuart Little	E.B. White			
Strawberry Girl	Lois Lenski			
Thimble Summer	Elizabeth Enright			
Tuck Everlasting	Natalie Babbitt			
Twenty and Ten	Claire Hutchet Bishop			
We'll Race You, Henry Ford	Barbara Mitchell			
The Wright Brothers	Quentin Reynolds			

A summary will need to be written upon completion of each book. The summary should be handwritten on a sheet of notebook paper. Please use cursive with at least 7 *complete sentences* in a well written paragraph.

Each summary needs to include the following:

- Title (as the heading)
- Author
- Setting (time and place)
- Main characters
- Main idea of the book
- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?



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2023-2024 School Year Fifth Grade Reading List

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Fifth grade students will be required to read **14 books, 4 of which must be read-alouds** by the parent, and **10 as readers** read independently by the student (4 general good literature and 6 historical literature). Select read-alouds from books marked with an asterisk (*). Please read the books that follow the quarter in which the History unit is studied.

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

General Good Literature (May be read at any time)

- * **Black Beauty** by Anna Sewell
- * **The Jungle Book** by Rudyard Kipling
- Swiss Family Robinson** by Johann Wyss
- These Happy Golden Years** by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Little Town on the Prairie** by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- The Light Princess** by George MacDonald
- The Incredible Journey** by Sheila Burnford
- The Best Christmas Pageant Ever** by Barbara Robinson
- * **The Westing Game** by Ellen Raskin
- A Wrinkle in Time** by Madeleine L'Engle
- Island of the Blue Dolphins** by Scott O'Dell
- * **Prince Caspian** by C.S. Lewis
- * **Voyage of the Dawn Treader** by C.S. Lewis
- Classic Poetry** by Michael Rosen
- The Kingdom Strikes Back** by John Holzmann and Dr. Ralph Winter

Historical Literature: Students select 6 readers

Creation/ Mesopotamia (Read 1st Qtr)

Gilgamesh the Hero by Geraldine McCaughrean

Hittite Warrior by Joanne Williamson

Ancient Egypt (Read 1st Qtr)

Mara: Daughter of the Nile by Eloise Jarvis McGraw

God King by Joanne Williamson – SL # GA12

Tirzah by Lucille Travis

The Egypt Game by Zilpha Keatley Snyder

The Cat of Bubastes by G.A. Henry

The Golden Goblet by Eloise Jarvis McGraw

Ancient Greece (Read 2nd and 3rd Qtrs)

* **The Trojan War** by Olivia Coolidge

D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths by Ingri and Edgar D'Aulaire

Theras and His Town by Caroline Snedeker

Archimedes and the Door of Science by Jeanne Bendick

Herodotus and the Road to History by Jeanne Bendick

The Castle in the Attic by E. Winthrop

The Wanderings of Odysseus by Rosemary Sutcliff (*read after **Black Ships Before Troy** has been studied in Literature class*)

***A Wonder-Book** by Nathaniel Hawthorne

The Children's Homer by Padraic Colum and Willy Pogany

Ancient Rome through Fall of Rome (Read 3rd and 4th Qtrs)

Cleopatra by Diane Stanley Alonso

* **Mission to Cathay** by Madeleine Pollard

Detectives in Togas by Henry Winterfeld

A Roman Ransom by Rosemary Rowe

Peril and Peace Volume I by Mindy and Brandon Withrow

Mystery of the Roman Ransom by Henry Winterfield

Caesar's Gallic Wars by Olivia Coolidge

***Ides of April** by Mary Ray

* **Denotes read-aloud, select 4**

Fifth Grade Reading Checklist

Parents, please initial as your child has completed the readers and you have completed the read-alouds with your child. Keep this sheet in your child's homework folder for the teacher to check throughout the school year.

Read-Alouds - 4 read aloud by parent (* denotes read-aloud options)
Readers- 10 read by student (4 general good literature, 6 historical literature)

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Sixth grade students will be required to read 16 books, one per quarter for Literature and three per quarter for History. Each quarter for History, select one read-aloud from books marked with an asterisk (*) and two others that follow the quarter in which the History unit is studied. For Literature, select any book from the General Good Literature list to read each quarter.

Parents, please initial the literature books read on the check list provided. Students will be required to engage in a 3-5 minute conversation about the four General Good Literature books for literature class. An additional log provided by the teacher will be required for history class.

Literature Class

General Good Literature (one book per quarter, students must choose at least one * book)

***Treasure Island** by Robert Louis Stevenson

Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne

The First Four Years by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Call of the Wild by Jack London

***The Witch of Blackbird Pond** by Elizabeth George Speare

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

***Johnny Tremain** by Esther Forbes

Rip Van Winkle and The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving

***Banner in the Sky** by James Ramsey Ullman

Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken

The Finest Hours: The True Story of a Heroic Sea Rescue by Michael J. Tougias & Casey Sherman

History Class

Middle Ages (1st Qtr)

* **The Silver Chair** by C.S. Lewis

* **The Last Battle** by C.S. Lewis

Black Horses for the King by Anne McCaffrey

Monks and Mystics Vol II: Chronicles of the Medieval Church by Mindy and Brandon Withrow

The White Knights by W.E. Cule

Catherine Called Birdy by Karen Cushman (for girls only)

Cathedral by David Macauley

Middle Ages and Renaissance (2nd Qtr)

* **The Wise Woman and Other Stories (Fantasy Stories of George MacDonald)**

by George MacDonald

***The Redwall** by Brian Jacques

The Adventures of Robin Hood by E. Charles Vivian

The Hidden Treasure of Glaston by Eleanore M. Jewett and Frederick T. Chapman

Castle by David Macaulay

The Trumpeter of Krakow by Eric P. Kelly

Continental Reformation (3rd Qtr)

* **Adam of the Road** by Elizabeth Janet Gray

* **The Second Mrs. Giaconda** by E.L. Konigsburg

The Great and Terrible Quest by Margaret Lovett

The Door in the Wall by Marguerite de Angeli

The Apprentice by Juan Ramon Alonso

Ink on His Fingers (A Story of Gutenberg) by Louise Vernon

Martin Luther: Hero of Faith by Frederick Nohl

British Reformation (4th Qtr)

***Mary, Bloody Mary** by Carolyn Meyer

***The Shakespeare Stealer** by Gary Blackwood

This Was John Calvin by Thea B. Van Halsema

Courage and Conviction Vol III: Chronicles of the Reformation Church by Mindy and Brandon Withrow

Dutch Color by Douglas Jones

Huguenot Garden by Douglas Jones

The Dangerous Journey by Oliver Hunkin

Heralds of the Reformation by Richard Hannula

Scottish Seas, by Douglas Jones

* denotes read-aloud (select 4, one per quarter)

6th Grade Literature Reading List

Students read ONE of the following books each quarter for a literature test grade. Audio books are permitted for 1-2 books.

Title	Author	Date	Parent Initials
Treasure Island *	Robert Louis Stevenson		
Around the World in Eighty Days	Jules Verne		
The First Four Years	Laura Ingalls Wilder		
Call of the Wild	Jack London		
The Witch of Blackbird Pond *	Elizabeth George Speare		
The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien		
Johnny Tremain *	Esther Forbes		
Rip Van Winkle and The Legend of Sleepy Hollow	Washington Irving		
Banner in the Sky *	James Ramsey Ullman		
Anne of Green Gables	L.M. Montgomery		
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase	Joan Aiken		
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* At least one of the starred books must be read at some point during the year.