



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 has a limited number of each book for each grade available for check-out. Books may also be obtained 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" required to be read. Please see the grade specific lists for those details.

Happy Reading!





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2025-2026 School Year First Grade Reading List

Veritas has a few copies of each book available for lending to students. Please check with your child's teacher for availability. Many of the books are also available at the public library or available to purchase at local and online bookstores.

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		
*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		
*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		
One Fish, Two Fish	Dr. Seuss		