



# 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-6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>).

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 Second 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.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

## **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Skurzynsky

**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
<b>Read Alouds- choose 12</b> (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 Lambe 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		
The Family Under the Bridge	Natalie Savage Carlson		
The Whipping Boy	Sid Fleischman		
The Minstrel in the Tower	Gloria Skurzinsky		