

PCA Suggested *Summer* Reading List

Lower School: Grades K-5

The following titles represent a wide range of recommended reading for students in grades K-5. As always, please use your discretion in helping your student choose what to read.

Chapter Book Family Read-Alouds

- Chronicles of Narnia (C.S. Lewis)
- The Penderwicks (Jeanne Birdsall)
- Ramona, Mouse & the Motorcycle, Ribsy, etc. (Beverly Cleary)
- Tale of Despereaux, Because of Winn Dixie, etc. (Kate DiCamillo)
- Charlotte's Web, Stuart Little, etc. (E.B. White)
- Little House on the Prairie (Laura Ingalls Wilder)
- The One and Only Ivan (Katherine Applegate)
- Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, James & the Giant Peach, the BFG, etc. (Roald Dahl)

Early Readers (Grades K & 1)

- Frog & Toad (Arnold Lobel)
- Amelia Bedelia (Peggy Parish)
- Mercy Watson (Kate DiCamillo)
- Elephant & Piggie (Mo Willems)
- Poppleton (Cynthia Rylant)
- Princess in Black (Shannon Hale)
- Henry & Mudge (Cynthia Rylant)
- Penny (Kevin Henkes)
- Little Bear (Else Holmelund Minarik)

Early Chapter Books (Grades 1 & 2)

- The Littles (John Peterson)
- Magic Treehouse (Mary Pope Osborne)
- Sophie Mouse (Poppy Green)
- Flat Stanley (Jeff Brown)
- Branches Books: Owl Diaries/Dragon Masters/Time Jumpers (Various)
- Ivy & Bean (Annie Barrows)
- Boxcar Children (Gertrude Chandler Warner)
- Calpurnia Tate, Girl Vet (Jacqueline Kelly)
- Geronimo Stilton (Elisabetta Dami)
- The Kingdom of Wrenly (Quinn, Jordan)
- Cam Jansen (Adler, David A.)



Grades 3-5

Historical Fiction

- Avi. The Secret School, The Player King.
- Brink, Carol Ryrie. Caddie Woodlawn
- Burnett, Frances Hodgson. The Secret Garden, A Little Princess.
- Cole, Henry. Another Quest for Celeste: A Story about Abe Lincoln, Honesty, and the Power of Friendship.
- Dalglish, Alice. The Courage of Sarah Noble.
- Forbes, Esther. Johnny Tremain.
- Lensky, Lois. Strawberry Girl.
- Lowry, Lois. Number the Stars
- MacLachlan, Patricia. Sarah, Plain and Tall.
- Montgomery, L.M. Anne of Green Gables series.
- Selznick, David. The Invention of Hugo Cabret, Wonderstruck.
- Spyri, Johanna. Heidi.
- Tarshis, Lauren. I Survived series.
- Travers, P.L. Mary Poppins series.
- Wilder, Laura Ingalls. Little House on the Prairie series.

Realistic Fiction

- Buyea, Rob. Because of Mr. Terupt.
- Birdsall, Jeanne. The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy.
- Cleary, Beverly. Dear Mr. Henshaw
- Clements, Andrew. No Talking , Landry News, School Story, The Report Card, etc.
- Creech, Sharon. Saving Winslow .
- DiCamillo, Kate. Because of Winn Dixie
- George, Jean Craighead. My Side of the Mountain series.
- Gibbs, Stuart. FunJungle series.
- Gutman, Dan. Genius Files series.
- Holm, Jennifer L. The Fourteenth Goldfish.
- Johnson, Terry Lynn. Falcon Wild.
- Lindgren, Astrid. Pippi Longstocking series.
- Parr, Maria. Adventures with Waffles.
- Rawls, Wilson. Where the Red Fern Grows



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Animal Fiction

- Applegate, Katherine. The One and Only Ivan, The One and Only Bob, The One and Only Ruby, Wishtree.
- Avi. Poppy and Rye series.
- Birney, Betty G. According to Humphrey series.
- Bruel, Nick. Bad Kitty series
- Busby, Cylin. The Nine Lives of Jacob Tibbs.
- DiCamillo, Kate. Flora and Ulysses, The Magician's Elephant, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, The Tale of Despereaux.
- Grahame, Kenneth. The Wind in the Willows.
- Lofting, Hugh. The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle.
- Sewell, Anna. Black Beauty.
- White, E.B. Charlotte's Web, Stuart Little, Trumpet of the Swan.

Fantasy/Science Fiction

- Abbott, Tony. The Secrets of Droon series.
- Baker, E.D. The Wide Awake Princess and Tales of the Frog Princess series.
- Barrie, J.M. Peter Pan
- Barry, Dave, and Pearson, Ridley. Peter and the Starcatchers series.
- Brown, Peter. Wild Robot , Wild Robot Escapes.
- Colfer, Chris. The Land of Stories series.
- Collins, Suzanne. Gregor the Overlander series.
- Dahl, Roald. The BFG, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.
- DuPrau, Jeanne. City of Ember series.
- Ferris, Jean. Once Upon a Marigold, Twice Upon a Marigold.
- George, Jessica Day. Dragon Slippers, Tuesdays at the Castle.
- Grabenstein , Chris. Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library series.
- Kessler, Liz. Emily Windsnap series
- L'Engle, Madeleine. A Wrinkle in Time.
- Lewis, C.S. Chronicles of Narnia series .
- Lin, Grace. Where the Mountain Meets the Moon.
- Messenger, Shannon. Keeper of the Lost Cities series.
- O'Brien, Robert C. Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH
- Stewart, Trenton Lee. The Mysterious Benedict Society series.
- Tolkien, J.R.R. The Hobbit.

