Keep an appetite for reading this summer. Research shows that children who continue to nourish themselves with a diet rich in classical literature prevent losing a month or more of academic progress achieved during the school year. Eat up!

RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING
Kindergarten – Grammar 4

K to PG2

Any of these K read-alouds could be read again:
Big Snow, The
Biggest Bear, The
Brown Bear, Brown Bear
Carrot Seed, The
Catch Me if You Can, Gingerbread Man
Chester’s Way
Crickwing
Dandelion
He is My Shepherd
How a Seed Grows
It’s Mine
If You Give A Mouse a Cookie and others in series
Johnny Appleseed
Katy and the Big Snow
Little Engine that Could
Little House
Little Toot
Marvin of the Great North Woods
Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel
Mitten, The
Mouse with the Musical Ear, The
Pocket for Corduroy, A
Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf
Seasons of Arnold’s Apple Tree, The
Seeds and More Seeds
Snowshoe Thompson
Snowy Day, The
Story of Ping, The
Tiki-Tiki Tembo
Time to Sleep
Tops and Bottoms
Twice as Nice
Verdi
Very Quiet Cricket, The
Woodrow Mouse
**Entering PG2**

*Reader chapter books of good quality like:*

- Aesop’s Fables
- Amelia Bedelia series
- Blaze and the Lost Quarry (series)  
  - Parish
- Frog & Toad are Friends (series)  
  - Lobel
- Henry & Mudge (series)  
  - Rylant
- Mr. Putter & Tabby (series)  
  - Sharmot
- Madeline (series)
- Nate the Great (series)

*Other quality picture books:*

- Books by McCloskey
- Books by Sendak
- Books by Lionni

**Entering G1**

*Chapter books of classic quality:*

- Boxcar Children (original series)  
  - Warner
- Child’s Garden of Verses  
  - Stevenson
- Corduroy  
  - Freeman
- Courage of Sarah Noble  
  - Dagliesh
- Encyclopedia Brown (series)  
  - Sobol
- Hans Christian Andersen stories
- Little House on the Prairie (series)  
  - Wilder
- My Father’s Dragon (series)  
  - Gannett
- Peter Rabbit and 11 other Fairy Tales  
  - Potter

**Entering G2**

*Classic children’s literature that include:*

- Stuart Little (and other books)  
  - E.B. White
- Lion, Witch, Wardrobe (series)  
  - C.S. Lewis
- Little House on the Prairie (series)  
  - Wilder
- Grimm’s Fairy Tales (parent-guided)  
  - Grimm

**Entering G3**

*Classic children’s literature that include:*

- Henry & the Clubhouse (series)  
  - Cleary
- The Hundred Dresses  
  - Estes
- Sign of the Beaver  
  - Speare
- Wonderful Wizard of Oz, The (series)  
  - Baum
- Mary Poppins (series)  
  - Travers
- Alice in Wonderland (series)  
  - Carroll
- Mandie & the Secret Tunnel (series)  
  - Leppard
**Entering G4**

*Classic children’s literature that include:*

Adventures of Robin Hood  
Anne of Green Gables (series)  
Heidi  
Black Ships before Troy (and others)  
The Trumpeter of Krakow  
Carry On, Mr. Bowditch  
Door in the Wall  
Prince & the Pauper  
Princess & the Goblin (and other stories)  
Wind in the Willows

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*Logic & Rhetoric students can draw from the G4 list as well as:*

The Lord of the Rings (series)  
Peralandra (series)  
Kidnapped (and others)  
History series  
The Coral Island (and others)

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**Nota Bene:**

We suggest reading *classic books*—those which have stood the test of time—for several reasons:

a) As we understand that there “is nothing new under the sun” and human nature has not changed, we see the time test as a testimony that the book has something significant to say in a quality way (i.e., it’s not subject to trendiness).

b) As C. S. Lewis says, read books of another era so that you can better understand the bent of your own time.

c) Stories written prior to 1960 are more often influenced by a biblical view of sin, community, and judgment; in short, apart from God’s grace, “we reap what we sow.”

**Other authors worthy of your time:**

Alcott, Louisa May. *Little Women* (1868)  
*The Arabian Nights*  
Barrie, Sir James. *Peter Pan* (1904)  
Boston, Lucy M. *The Children of Green Knowe* (1954)  
Burgess, Thornton W. *Old Mother West Wind* (1910)  
Burnett, Frances Hodgson. *Little Lord Fauntleroy* (1886)  
Butterworth, Oliver. *The Enormous Egg* (1956)  
Carroll, Lewis. *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (1865)  
Collodi, C. *The Adventures of Pinochio* (1883)  
Craik, Mrs. *The Little Lame Prince* (1875)  
Dodge, Mary Mapes. *Hans Brinker, or the Silver Skates* (1865)  
Estes, Eleanor. *The Moffats* (1941)  
Fritz, Jean. *The Cabin Faced West* (1958)
George, Jean Craighead. *My Side of the Mountain* (1959)
Harris, Joel Chandler. *Uncle Remus* (1883)
Haywood, Carolyn. *B Is For Betsy* (1939)
Holling, Holling C. *Paddle-To-The-Sea* (1941)
James, Will. *Smoky, The Cow Horse* (1926)
Kjelgaard, Jim. *Big Red* (1945)
Knight, Eric. *Lassie Come Home* (1940)
Lang, Andrew. *The Blue Fairy Book* (1889)
Lawson, Robert. *Rabbit Hill* (1944)
Lear, Edward. *Book of Nonsense* (1846)
Lenski, Lois. *Strawberry Girl* (1945)
Norton, Mary. *The Borrowers* (1953)
Porter, Eleanor H.. *Pollyanna* (1913)
Pyle, Howard. *The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood* (1883)
Rawlings, Marjorie Kinman. *The Yearling* (1938)
Robertson, Keith. *Henry Reed, Inc.* (1958)
Saltern, Felix. *Bambi* (1928)
Sandberg, Carl. *The Rootabaga Stories* (1936)
Sewell, Anna. *Black Beauty* (1877)
Sperry, Armstrong. *Call It Courage* (1939)
Verne, Jules. *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under The Sea*
Wiggin, Kate Douglas. *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm* (1903)
Wilde, Oscar. *The Happy Prince* (1888)
Wyss, Johann. *Swiss Family Robinson* (1814)

**Contemporary Children's Classics (1960 & Later)**

Aiken, Joan. *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase* (1962)
Alexander, Lloyd. *The Book of Three* (1964) and other Prydain Chronicles
Cooper, Susan. *The Dark is Rising* (1973) and others in series
Fitzhugh, Louise. *Harriet the Spy* (1964)
Fox, Paula. *One-Eyed Cat* (1970)
George, Jean Craighead. *Julie of the Wolves* (1972)
Howe, Deborah & James. *Bunnicula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery* (1979)
LeGuin, Ursula. *A Wizard of Earthsea* (1968)
MacLachlan, Patricia. *Sarah, Plain and Tall* (1985)
Merrill, Jean. *The Pushcart War* (1964)
Morey, Walt. *Gentle Ben* (1965)
O’Dell, Scott. *Island of the Blue Dolphins* and others (1960)
Paterson, Katherine. *Bridge to Terabithia* (1977)
Sebestyen, Ouida. *Words By Heart* (1979)
Smith, Robert K. *Chocolate Fever* (1978)
Voigt, Cynthia. *Dicey’s Song* (1982)
West. *The Happy Hollisters* (1965)