



Tallahassee  
Classical School

## Recommended Summer Reading List

### For Students Entering Kindergarten

*The Little House* by Virginia Burton

*The Story About Ping* by Marjorie Flack

*The Little Engine that Could* by Watty Piper

*Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey

*Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey

*One Morning in Maine* by Robert McCloskey

*Ferdinand* by Munro Leaf

*Ox-Cart Man* by Donald Hall, illustrated by Barbara Cooney

*Stone Soup* and other folk tale retellings by Marcia Brown

*The Story of Little Babaji* by Helen Bannerman

Aesop's Fables (any)

### For Students Entering First Grade

Any Cat in the Hat Beginner Book by Dr. Seuss

Curious George Books by H.A. Rey

Little Bear Books by Else Homelund Minarik

Any Science Related Books by Gail Gibbons

*The Tale of Benjamin Bunny* by Beatrix Potter

*The Tale of Tom Kitten* by Beatrix Potter

*The Tale of Jemima Puddle Duck* by Beatrix Potter

Any Books Written by Eric Carle

Any Books Written by Jan Brett

Any Books Written by Leo Lionni

Any Fairytale Book such as *The Ugly Duckling*, *The Three Little Pigs*, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, etc.

## For Students Entering Second Grade

George and Martha Books by James Marshall

Magic Treehouse Books by Mary Pope Osborne

The Magic School Bus Books (Plants, Weather, Insects, Magnets, Animals, Tools) by Joanna Cole

The Boxcar Children Books by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Any Book by Syd Hoff

The Amelia Bedelia Books by Peggy Parish

Folktalks & Tall Tales such as Chicken Little, The Little Red Hen, Johnny Appleseed, and Paul Bunyan

Child's Garden of Verses (Poetry) by Robert Louis Stevenson

## For Students Entering Third Grade

*The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary

*Henry and Risby* by Beverly Cleary

*My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett

*Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster

*The Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden

*The Little House on the Prairie* Books by Laura Ingalls Wilder

*Just So Stories* by Rudyard Kipling

DK Eyewitness Books on Ancient Rome, Vikings, Light, Sound, or Human Body

Folktales from Around the World/American Folktales

## For Students Entering Fourth Grade

*Guns for General Washington* by Seymour Reit

*The Reluctant Dragon* by Kenneth Grahame

*The Sword in the Tree* by Clyde Robert Bulla

*The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis

*Can't You Make Them Behave, King George?* By Jean Fritz

DK Eyewitness Book Series on Medieval Castles, American Revolution, Chemistry, Electricity

*The Borrowers* by Mary Norton

*Along Came Galileo* by Jeanne Bendick

*Misty of Chincoteague* by Marguerite Henry

## For Students Entering Fifth Grade

*Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry

*Ben and Me* by Robert Lawson

*The Shakespeare Stealer* by Gary Blackwood

*Mr. Lincoln's Drummer* by G. Clifton Wisler

*My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George

*The Twenty One Balloons* by William Pene Du Bois

*The Great Little Madison* by Jean Fritz

*Why Not, Lafayette?* By Jean Fritz

DK Eyewitness Book Series on Plants, Cells, Great Scientists and the Periodic Table

## For Students Entering Sixth Grade and Above

*The Chronicles of Narnia (any book in this series)* by C. S. Lewis

*Around the World in 80 Days* by Jules Verne

*The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

*Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl*

*A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry

*Greek & Roman Mythology: Age of Fable* by Thomas Bulfinch

*The Cay* by Theodore Taylor

*Archimedes and the Door of Science* by Jeanne Bendick

*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor

*King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table* by Roger Lancelyn Green

*Redwall* by Brian Jacques

*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

*The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling

*The Story of Thomas Alva Edison* by Margaret Cousins

*The Giver* by Lois Lowry

*SeaWolf* by Jack London

*Animal Farm* by George Orwell

*Frankeinstein* by Mary Shelley

*The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway

*Swiss Family Robinson* by Johann Davis Wyss

*The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

*I Never Saw Another Butterfly* by Hanna Volavkova  
*1984* by George Orwell  
*The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
*The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck  
*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte  
*The Pilgrim's Progress* (Original) by John Bunyon  
*Lord of the Rings Trilogy* by J.R.R. Tolkien  
*Sophie's World* by Jostein Gaarder  
*Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger  
*Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley  
*Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston  
*Metamorphosis* by Ovid  
*The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan  
*Confessions* by Augustine of Hippo (Translated by Peter Constantine, W.W Norton & Co, 2020)  
*Theogony & Works & Days* by Hesiod  
*Beloved* by Toni Morrison  
*For Whom the Bell Tolls* by Ernest Hemingway  
*Sense & Sensibility* by Jane Austen  
*Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte  
*Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe  
*Gulag Archipelago* by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn  
*Gorgias and Phaedrus* by Plato  
*Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens