



SUMMER READING FOR FIRST THROUGH EIGHTH GRADES

June 18, 2010

Dear Parents,

The wonderful freedom of summertime is the perfect time to feed our children's sense of wonder and curiosity through reading. The literature recommended by St. Monica Academy is chosen to enlighten them about our classical roots and to reinforce their understanding of virtue. For the development of their literary sensibilities, they must read moral, well-crafted stories.

Fairy tales, folk tales, myths, legends, American tall tales, Aesop's fables and even Mother Goose rhymes give us

"something grand: a collective vocabulary that helps build us together as a civilization... Student learn what an 'Achilles heel' or 'Trojan horse' is by reading Homer. They find out what 'Camelot' means by reading Arthurian legends... An educated person possesses enough background knowledge to know what he means when he runs across them. More to the point, knowing stories of Huck Finn and John Henry means claiming a legacy. Such tales have inspired generations of Americans. As part of our nation memory, they help tell us who we are as a people."

(William Bennett, *The Educated Child*)

To assist parents in choosing literature that is both challenging in vocabulary and rewarding in content, we have prepared, in addition to the **required** summer reading (listed on the reverse of this sheet), lists of **recommended** reading for fifth through eighth grades. **Students must have finished the required reading by the first day of class in September, and must be prepared to discuss the readings during the first weeks of school.**

Please help to oversee your child's summer reading by taking time to discuss the reading with your child. Perhaps you could foster an evening routine, during which each of your children has time to tell the family about his or her day's reading. Read aloud with your children. Take them to the library, perhaps enroll them in the summer reading program there. Your involvement will provide invaluable motivation – and good literature strengthens families!

Have a happy summer,

Marguerite Grimm
Headmaster

REQUIRED READING

First, second and third graders must read **at least six** short books from the First through Third Grade Recommended List.

Fourth graders must read **at least four** books from the Fourth through Sixth and/or the Seventh through Eighth Recommended Lists.

Fifth graders must read *Caddie Woodlawn* **and** *Carry On Mr. Bowditch* **AND three** other books from the Fourth through Sixth Recommended List and/or the Seventh/Eighth Grade Recommended List.*

Sixth graders must read *The Golden Goblet* **AND four** other books from the Fourth through Sixth Recommended List and/or the Seventh/Eighth Grade Recommended List.*

Seventh and eighth graders must read *Little Women* **and** *Up From Slavery* **AND four** other books from the Seventh/Eighth Grade Recommended List.*

Additional sources for recommended titles are:

Let the Authors Speak: A Guide to Worthy Books Based on Historical Setting by Carolyn Hatcher

Honey For a Child's Heart by Gladys Hunt

Books That Build Character by William Kilpatrick

Books Children Love by Elizabeth Wilson

*Some copies of the books for fifth through eighth grades are available in the office for \$3.00. The office is closed for the month of July.

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SUMMER READING RECOMMENDATIONS 2010

Incoming First, Second and Third Grades

To be read aloud by parent or to be read independently

The titles in bold font are newly added this summer.

Literature

Title	Author	Title	Author
Aesop's Fables	Aesop	Any titles by	Lenski, Lois
Coll and His White Pig	Alexander, Lloyd	Frog and Toad Together	Lobel, Arnold
The Truthful Harp	Alexander, Lloyd	Betsy-Tacy books	Lovelace, Maud
Billy and Blaze series	Anderson, C. W.	Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle	MacDonald, Betty
Little Tim stories	Ardizzone, Edward	Make Way for Ducklings	McCloskey, Robert
Brambly Hedge	Barkham, Jill	Blueberries for Sal	McCloskey, Robert
Madeline books	Bemelmans, Ludwig	A Time of Wonder	McCloskey, Robert
The Children's Book of Faith	Bennett, William J.	Anansi the Spider	McDermott, Gerald
Five Chinese Brothers	Bishop, Claire	Winnie the Pooh (series)	Milne, A.A.
The Three Bill Goats Gruff	Blair, Susan	The Little Bear (series)	Minarik
A Bear Called Paddington	Bond, Michael	Love You Forever	Munsch
Milly-Molly-Mandy Storybook	Brisley, Joyce	Amelia Bedelia	Parish, Peggy
Freddy (series)	Brooks, Walter	Any titles by	Politi, Leo
The Runaway Bunny	Brown, Margaret Wise	The Tale of Peter Rabbit	Potter, Beatrix
Goodnight, Moon	Brown, Margaret Wise	Curious George books	Rey, H.A.
The Little Fur Family	Brown, Margaret Wise	Where the Wild Things Are	Sendak, Maurice
The Story of Babar	Brunhoff, Jean de	Caps for Sale	Slobodkina, Esphyr
Any titles by	Bulla, Clyde Robert	Miracles on Maple Hill	Sorenson, Virginia
Old Mother West Wind	Burgess, Thorton	Brian Wildsmith's Illustrated Bible Stories	Turner, Philip
The Little House	Burton, Virginia Lee	The Biggest Bear	Ward
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel	Burton, Virginia Lee	Charlotte's Web	White, E.B.
The Rooster Who Set Out to See the World	Carle, Eric	Any titles by	White, E.B.
The Happy Orpheline	Carlson, Natalie Savage	The Velveteen Rabbit	Williams, Margery
Boxcar Children (series)	Chandler, Gertrude	The Crane Wife	retold by Sumiko Yagawa
You Read To Me, I'll Read To You	Ciardi, John	My Father's Dragon (series)	Gannett, Ruth Stiles
The Ramona Books	Cleary, Beverly	The Mouse and the Motorcycle	Cleary, Beverly
The Little Wooden Farmer	Dalgliesh, Alice	Henry Huggins (series)	
Clown of God	De Paola, Tomie		
Hank the Cow Dog (series)	Erickson, John	Historical fiction	
The Little Bookroom	Farjeon, Eleanor	The Thanksgiving Story	Dalgliesh, Alice
The Story of Ping	Flack, Marjorie	The Amazing Impossible Erie Canal	Harness, Cheryl
Millions of Cats	Gag, Wanda	Any titles by	Harness, Cheryl
The Little Red Hen	Galdone, Paul	A Tournament of Knights	Lasker, Joe
My Father's Dragon (series)	Gannett, Ruth	The Librarian Who Measured the Earth	Lasky, Kathryn
The Fairy Doll	Godden, Rumer	Strong and Good	Lawson, Robert
The Wind in the Willows (read aloud)	Grahame, Kenneth	Any titles by	Lenski, Lois
St. George and the Dragon	Hodges, Margery	A Street Through Time	Millard, Anne
St. Jerome and the Lion	Hodges, Margery	A Penny for a Hundred	Pochocki, Ethel
Danny and the Dinosaur	Hoff, Syd	We the People	Spier, Peter
Chimney Corner Stories	Hutchinson, Veronica	Any titles by	Spier, Peter
Pecos Bill	Kellog, Steven	Old Ironsides: Americans Build a Fighting Ship	Weitzman, David
Just So Stories	Kipling, Rudyard	The Courage of Sarah Noble	Dalgliesh, Alice
Miss Spider's Tea Party	Kirk		
A Hole is to Dig	Krause, Ruth		
The Story of Ferdinand	Leaf, Munro		
The Glorious Impossible	L'Engle, Madeleine		

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The Book of Three (and other titles)	Alexander, Lloyd	The Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow	French, Allen
Sounder*	Armstrong, William	Traitor*	Fritz
Pride and Prejudice	Austen, Jane	King Solomon's Mines	Haggard, H. Rider
Jane Eyre	Bronte, Charlotte	Dangerous Journey	Hamori, Laszlo
The Education of Little Tree*	Carter	Any titles by	Harnett, Cynthia
Father Brown Mysteries	Chesterton, G.K.	Hakon of Rogan's Saga	Haugaard, Erik
Any titles by	Cooper, Susan	The Endless Steppe	Hautzig, Esther
The Keys of the Kingdom	Cronin, A.J.	Historical Novels	Henty
Robinson Crusoe	Defoe, Daniel	Kon-Tiki	Heyerdahl, Thor
Oliver Twist	Dickens, Charles	Legend of Sleepy Hollow	Irving, Washington
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	A Proud Taste of Minerva and Scarlet	Konigsburg
Chitty, Chitty Bang, Bang	Fleming, Ian	Endurance	Lansing, Alfred
Cheaper by the Dozen	Gilbreth, Frank	The Commodore (and other titles by)	O'Brian, Patrick
The Wind in the Willows	Grahame, Kenneth	Sarah Bishop*	O'Dell, Scott
The Adventures of Robin Hood	Green	Fingal's Quest	Polland
King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table	Green	The Long Walk	Rawicz, Slavomir
All Creatures Great and Small (series)	Herrriott, James	The Yearling	Rawling, Marjorie
Jungle Book	Kipling, Rudyard	Red Hugh, Prince of Donegal	Reilly, Robert
Captains Courageous	Kipling	The Light in the Forest*	Richter
The Call of the Wild	London, Jack	The Silver Sword	Serralier, Ian
White Fang	London, Jack	The Sign of the Beaver*	Speare
Anne of Green Gables (series)	Montgomery, Lucy	The Perilous Road*	Steele, William O.
Hatchet	Paulsen, Gary	Winter Danger	Steele, William O.
Girl of the Limberlost	Porter, Gene Stratton	Kidnapped	Stevenson, Robert
The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood	Pyle	Louis	
The Colditz Story	Reid, P.R.	Uncle Tom's Cabin*	Stowe
The Pearl	Steinbeck	Midshipman Quinn	Styles, Showell
Lad, A Dog	Terhune, Albert P.	Any titles by	Sutcliffe, Rosemary
The Hobbit (and any titles by)	Tolkien, J.R.R.	The Hiding Place	ten Boom, Corrie
Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea	Verne, Jules	Any titles by	Treece, Henry
The Golden Age	Grahame, Kenneth	Around the World in Eighty Days	Verne, Jules
Lilies of the Field	Barrett, William	If All the Swords in England	Willard
		Swiss Family Robinson	Wyss, Johann
		The Reb and the Redcoats	Savery, Constance
		My Family and Other Animals	Durrell, Gerald
		Hittite Warrior	Williamson, Joanne
		Beyond the Desert Gate	Ray, Mary
		Shadow Hawk	Norton, Andre
		God King	Williamson, Joanne
		Non-Fiction	
		Blessed Margaret of Castello	Bonniwell, Fr. William
		Mathematicians are People, Too	Reimer, Luetta

*especially recommended for this summer because of ties to American history