



LITERATURE-READING LIST BY GRADE

FIRST GRADE

Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel
Sam the Minuteman by Nathaniel Benchley
A Question of Yams by Gloria Repp
Pulling Together by Dawn L. Watkins
The Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh
Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
George and the Drummer Boy by Nathan Benchley
McCall-Crabbs Standard Test Lessons in Reading, Book A

Classic and subject-related poetry, including “The Wind” by Robert Louis Stevenson, “Godfrey Gordon Gustavus Gore” by William Brighty Rands, “A Bed in the Leaves” by Marian Kennedy, “Once in Royal David’s City” by Cecil Frances Alexander, “All Things Bright and Beautiful” by Cecil Frances Alexander, Off to Plymouth Rock by Dandi Daley Mackall, “Father, We Thank You” by Ralph Waldo Emerson, “How Doth the Little Busy Bee” by Isaac Watts, “The Snowflake” by Walter de la Mare, “The Caterpillar” by Christina Rossetti, “Forgive Others” by Alice Joyce Davidson, and “One Thing at a Time” by M. A. Stodart (all RA)

SECOND GRADE

Abeka Readers (RA, R): Hidden Treasure, Paths of Gold, Silver Sails, Growing Up Where Jesus Lived
Mrs. Piggle Wiggle series by Betty MacDonald
Rainbow Garden by Patricia St. John
Charlotte’s Web by E. B. White
Tirzah by Lucille Travis
The Tanglewoods’ Secret by Patricia St. John
Winnie-the-Pooh by A. A. Milne
Cheaper by the Dozen by Frank B. Gilbreth and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey
Belles on Their Toes by Frank B. Gilbreth and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey
The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

THIRD GRADE

D’Aulaires’ Book of Greek Myths by Ingri d’Aulaire and Edgar Parin d’Aulaire
The Book of Virtues by William J. Bennett
Theras and His Town by Caroline Dale Snedeker
Detectives in Togas by Henry Winterfeld
The Little Pilgrim’s Progress by Helen L. Taylor
Vinegar Boy by Alberta Hawse
Archimedes and the Door of Science by Jeanne Bendick

Pompeii... Buried Alive! by Edith Kunhardt
A Triumph for Flavius by Caroline Dale Snedeker
The Trojan Horse by Emily Little
Black Ships Before Troy by Rosemary Sutcliff
Heidi by Johanna Spyri
Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi
Treasures of the Snow by Patricia St. John
Cleopatra by Diane Stanley and Peter Vennema

FOURTH GRADE

The Door in the Wall by Marguerite de Angeli
King Arthur by Roger Lancelyn Green
Joan of Arc by Diane Stanley
Luther the Leader by Virgil Robinson
The Shakespeare Stealer by Gary Blackwood
Morning Star of the Reformation by Andy Thomson
Augustine: The Farmer's Boy of Tagaste by P. De Zeeuw
Ink on His Fingers by Louise A. Vernon
Stories of Beowulf Told to the Children by H. E. Marshal
The Adventures of Robin Hood by Rogery Lancelyn Green
The Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow by Allen French
The Silver Chair by C.S. Lewis

FIFTH GRADE

The Grammar of Poetry: Imitation in Writing by Matt Whitling
Carry On, Mr. Bowditch by Jean Lee Latham
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Fellowship of the Ring by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Two Towers by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Return of the King by J.R.R. Tolkien
“The Bells,” “Ozymandius,” and “Charge of the Light Brigade” taken from *Writing with Skill Level 1* by Susan Wise Bauers
Children’s version of a Shakespeare play taken from either *Shakespeare with Children: Six Scripts for Young Players* by Elizabeth Weinstein and Anna Dallam or from Shakespeare in the Classroom series (out of print)

SIXTH GRADE

The Grammar of Poetry by Matt Whitling
Anne of Green Gables by L. M. Montgomery
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, American Slave by Frederick Douglass
Bound for Oregon by Jean Van Leeuwen
The Call of the Wild by Jack London
The Wright Brothers by Quentin Reynolds
The Horse and His Boy by C. S. Lewis
Children of the Storm by Natasha Vins

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom

“Paul Revere’s Ride” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and other poetry selections

SEVENTH GRADE

Incoming summer read: *The Golden Fleece* by Padraic Colum and *Eagle of the Ninth* by Rosemary Sutcliff

Anchor Works (Read and referred to over the quarter)

The Oresteia – Aeschylus

The Odyssey – Homer, trans. E. V. Rieu

Till We Have Faces – C.S. Lewis

Julius Caesar – Shakespeare

Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Luke

Core Works (Read fully)

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – C.S. Lewis

The Magician’s Nephew – C.S. Lewis

Prince Caspian – C.S. Lewis

Eclogue IV – Virgil

Excerpted Works

Usborne: Greeks (selections) – Peach, et al.

Usborne: The Romans (selections) – Peach, et al.

Plutarch’s Lives, v. 1 (“Lycurgus”) and *v. 2* (“Alexander the Great,” “Julius Caesar,” “Brutus”) – Plutarch

Histories, selections from Book 1 Herodotus

The Early History of Rome (selections) – Livy

Westminster Confession (selections)

EIGHTH GRADE

Incoming summer read: *King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table* by Roger Lancelyn Green and *St. George for England* by G.A. Henty

Anchor Works (Read and referred to over the quarter)

Beowulf

The Song of Roland

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight

Henry V – Shakespeare

Magna Carta

Core Works (Read fully)

Diet of Worms speech – Martin Luther

The White Horse King – Benjamin R. Merkle

Voyage of the Dawn Treader – C.S. Lewis

The Silver Chair – C.S. Lewis

The Last Battle – C.S. Lewis

Excerpted Works

Medieval Europe: A Short History (selections) – C. Warren Hollister

Ecclesiastical History of the English People (selections) – Bede

Chronicles of the Crusades (selections) – Joinville/Villehardouin

Confessions (selections) – Augustine

The Canterbury Tales (Prologue, “The Knight’s Tale”) – Geoffrey Chaucer

Foxe’s Book of Martyrs (selections) – John Foxe

The History of Christianity (selections) – Tim Dowley, ed.