



The Pharr Oratory of St. Philip Neri School System

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## Recommended Summer Reading May 2017

Most of the books in this list come from John Senior's "The Thousand Good Books"<sup>1</sup> and from Memoria Press<sup>2</sup>. According to John Senior these books are good and appropriate and among the best that have been written in the Western tradition. He believes that reading stories like these better prepare students for the reception of the Gospel. Most of the books listed in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades and many in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades are in our read-aloud curriculum. They are listed according to the grade in which they will be studied. For this reason, choose books from the grade in which your child will be enrolled the coming school year. If you think the book is too easy or too difficult for your child, feel free to move up or down grade levels but it is important to select unabridged editions. With the exception of a few titles, all the books in this list are in Accelerated Reader.

1. Dr. John Senior was a professor of classics at five colleges including Cornell and the University of Kansas.

2. Memoria Press is a publisher that was established to "promote and transmit the classical heritage of the Christian West through an emphasis on the liberal arts and the great works of the Western tradition". They develop the curriculum for Highlands Latin School that has a 3-year average SAT score of 1372 in the 1600 scale.

## **Grade 1**

A House is a House for Me  
A Picture Book of Christopher Columbus  
Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books  
Choo Choo  
Doctor De Soto  
Fly High Fly Low  
How the Grinch Stole Christmas!  
Katy No-Pocket  
Little Toot  
Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile  
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel  
Millions of Cats  
Miss Spider's Tea Party  
Miss Twiggley's Tree  
Norman the Doorman  
Patrick: Patron Saint of Ireland  
Pickle-Chiffon Pie  
Saint Francis and the Wolf  
The Caboose Who Got Loose  
The Ink Garden of Brother Theophane  
The Little Island  
The Moon Shines Down  
The Polar Express  
The Star-Spangled Banner  
The Storm Book  
The Story of a Fierce Bad Rabbit  
The Very First Thanksgiving Day  
Wonders of Nature  
Wynken, Blynken, & Nod

## **Author**

Hoberman, Mary Ann  
Adler, David A.  
Winters, Kay  
Burton, Virginia Lee  
Steig, William  
Freeman, Don  
Dr. Seuss  
Payne, Emmy  
Gramatky, Hardie  
Waber, Bernard  
Burton, Virginia Lee  
Ga'g, Wanda  
Kirk, David  
Fox, Dorothea Warren  
Freeman, Don  
DePaola, Tomie  
Bradfield, Jolly Roger  
Langton, Jane  
Peet, Bill  
Millen, C. M.  
Brown, Margaret Wise  
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Van Allsburg, Chris  
Spier, Peter (Illustrator)  
Zolotow, Charlotte  
Potter, Beatrix  
Greene, Rhonda Gowler  
Watson, Jane Werner  
Field, Eugene

## **Grade 2**

A Picture Book of Amelia Earhart  
A Visit to William Blake's Inn  
Amos & Boris  
Cinderella  
Cyrus the Unsinkable Sea Serpent  
Emily  
Farewell to Shady Glade  
George Washington's Breakfast  
Island Boy  
Johnny Appleseed  
Lucy's Christmas  
Lucy's Summer  
Maybelle the Cable Car  
McElligot's Pool  
One Morning in Maine  
Paul Revere's Ride  
Saint Valentine  
Sam, Bangs, & Moonshine  
The Ant and the Elephant  
The Big Snow  
The Boy Who Drew Birds  
The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey  
The Easter Egg  
The Emperor's New Clothes  
The Five Chinese Brothers  
The Fourth of July Story  
The Gardener  
The Gift of the Tree  
The House the Pecks Built

## **Author**

Adler, David A.  
Willard, Nancy  
Steig, William  
Brown, Marcia  
Peet, Bill  
Bedard, Michael  
Peet, Bill  
Fritz, Jean  
Cooney, Barbara  
Lindbergh, Reeve  
Hall, Donald  
Hall, Donald  
Burton, Virginia Lee  
Dr. Seuss  
McCloskey, Robert  
Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth  
Sabuda, Robert  
Ness, Evaline  
Peet, Bill  
Hader, Berta and Elmer  
Davies, Jacqueline  
Wojciechowski, Susan  
Brett, Jan  
Andersen, Hans Christian  
Bishop, Claire Huchet  
Dalglish, Alice  
Stewart, Sarah  
Tresselt, Alvin  
Evers, Helen and Alf

The Monkey and the Crocodile  
The Tale of Peter Rabbit  
The Thanksgiving Story  
The Velveteen Rabbit  
Verdi

### **Grade 3**

A Day in Skates  
American Tall Tales  
D'Aulaires' Book of Norse Myths  
Farmer Boy  
Mary Poppins  
The Borrowers  
The Cricket in Times Square  
The Indian in the Cupboard  
The Quangle Wangles Hat  
The Saturdays  
The Tailor of Gloucester  
The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck  
The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin  
The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies  
The Tale of Two Bad Mice

### **Grade 4**

Farmer Giles of Ham  
Little House in the Prairie  
Nonsense  
On the Banks of Plum Creek  
Peter Pan  
The Apple and the Arrow  
The Birds' Christmas Carol

Galdone, Paul  
Potter, Beatrix  
Dalglish, Alice  
Williams, Margery  
Cannon, Janell

### **Author**

Van Stockum, Hilda  
Osborne, Mary Pope  
D'Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar Parin  
Wilder, Laura Ingalls  
Travers, P.L.  
Norton, Mary  
Selden, George  
Banks, Lynne Reid  
Lear, Edward  
Enright, Elizabeth  
Potter, Beatrix  
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Potter, Beatrix

### **Author**

Tolkien, J.R.R.  
Wilder, Laure Ingalls  
Lear, Edward  
Wilder, Laure Ingalls  
Barrie, J.M.  
Buff, Mary and Conrad  
Wiggin, Kate Douglas

The House at Pooh Corner  
The Reluctant Dragon  
The Story of the Treasure Seekers  
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase  
Winnie the Pooh

## **Grade 5**

Around the World in 80 Days  
By the Shores of Silver Lake  
Jim Davis  
Little House in the Big Woods  
Little Town on the Prairie  
Pinnochio  
Prince Caspian  
Prince Rabbit  
Robin Hood  
The Black Stallion  
The Blue Fairy Book  
The Horse and His Boy  
The Last Battle  
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe  
The Long Winter  
The Magician's Nephew  
The Silver Chair  
The Story of Dr. Dolittle  
The Voyage of the Dawn Treader  
The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle  
These Happy Golden Years

Milne, A. A.  
Graham, Kenneth  
Nesbit, E.  
Aiken, Joan  
Milne, A. A.

## **Author**

Verne, Jules  
Wilder, Laura Ingalls  
Masefield, John  
Wilder, Laura Ingalls  
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Collodi, Carlo  
Lewis, C. S.  
Milne, A. A.  
Pyle, Howard  
Farley, Walter  
Lang, Andrew  
Lewis, C. S.  
Lewis, C. S.  
Lewis, C. S.  
Wilder, Laura Ingalls  
Lewis, C. S.  
Lewis, C. S.  
Lofting, Hugh  
Lewis, C. S.  
Lofting, Hugh  
Wilder, Laura Ingalls

## **Grade 6**

A Christmas Carol  
Huckleberry Finn  
Jack and Jill  
Just so Stories  
Smoky  
The Fellowship of the Rings  
The Hobbit  
The Princess and the Goblin  
The Return of the King  
The Secret Garden  
The Two Towers  
Wind in the Willows

## **Grade 7**

Alice in Wonderland  
Black Beauty  
Kidnapped  
Kim  
Little White Horse (and others)  
Little Women  
Seaman: The Dog Who Explored the West  
with Lewis and Clark  
St. George for England  
The Cat of Bubastes  
The Eagle of the Ninth  
The Lion of St. Mark  
Through the Looking Glass  
Treasure Island

## **Author**

Dickens, Charles  
Twain, Mark  
Alcott, Louisa May  
Kipling, Rudyard  
James, Will  
Tolkien, J.R.R.  
Tolkien, J.R.R.  
MacDonald, George  
Tolkien, J.R.R.  
Burnett, Frances Hodgson  
Tolkien, J.R.R.  
Grahame, Kenneth

## **Author**

Carroll, Lewis  
Sewall, Anna  
Stevenson, Robert Louis  
Kipling, Rudyard  
Goudge, Elizabeth  
Alcott, Louisa May  
  
Karwoski, Gail  
Henty, G.A.  
Henty, G.A.  
Sutcliff, Rosemary  
Henty, G.A.  
Carroll, Lewis  
Stevenson, Robert Louis

Two Years Before the Mast  
With Wolf in Canada

Dana, Richard Henry  
Henty, G.A.

## **Grade 8**

An Old Fashioned Girl  
As You Like It  
Captain Courageous  
Eight Cousins  
Fairy Tales  
Hans Brinker  
Heidi  
Henry V  
Jo's Boy's (a sequel to "Little Men")  
Kings Solomon's Mines  
Little Lord Fauntleroy  
Little Men  
Master of Ballantrae  
Rose in Bloom (a sequel to "Eight Cousins")  
Swiss Family Robinson  
The Jungle Book  
The Princes and the Curdie  
The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde  
Tom Sawyer  
Under the Lilacs

## **Author**

Alcott, Louisa May  
Shakespeare, William  
Kipling, Rudyard  
Alcott, Louisa May  
Andersen, Hans Christian  
Dodge, Mary Mapes  
Spyri, Johanna  
Shakespeare, William  
Alcott, Louisa May  
Haggard, H. Rider (Henry Rider)  
Burnett, Frances Hodgson  
Alcott, Louisa May  
Stevenson, Robert Louis  
Alcott, Louisa May  
Wyss, Johann  
Kipling, Rudyard  
MacDonald, George  
Stevenson, Robert Louis  
Twain, Mark  
Alcott, Louisa May

## **Grade 9**

Comedy of Errors  
David Copperfield  
Henry IV  
Journey to the Center of the Earth  
Merchant of Venice

## **Author**

Shakespeare, William  
Dickens, Charles  
Shakespeare, William  
Verne, Jules  
Shakespeare, William

Oregon Trail  
Riders of the Purple Sage  
Robinson Crusoe  
Romeo and Juliet  
Shirlock Homes (series)  
Silas Marner  
Tarzan  
The First Men in the Moon  
The Invisible Man  
The Island of Dr. Moreau  
The Lost World  
The Moonstone  
The Prince and the Pauper  
The Time Machine  
The Virginian  
The War of the Worlds  
Tom Brown's School Days  
Uncle Tom's Cabin

## **Grade 10**

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea  
Death Comes for the Archbishop  
Emma  
Jane Eyre  
Les Miserables  
Macbeth  
Midsummer Night's Dream  
My Antonia  
Mysterious Island  
Shadows on the Rock  
The Mill on the Floss

Parkman, Francis  
Grey, Zane  
Defoe, Daniel  
Shakespeare, William  
Doyle, Arthur Conan  
Eliot, George  
Burroughs, Edgar Rice  
Wells, H. G.  
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Doyle, Arthur Conan  
Collins, Wilkie  
Twain, Mark  
Wells, H. G.  
Wister, Owen  
Wells, H. G.  
Hughes, Thomas  
Stowe, Harriet Beecher

## **Author**

Verne, Jules  
Cather, Willa  
Austen, Jane  
Brontë, Charlotte  
Hugo, Victor  
Shakespeare, William  
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Cather, Willa  
Verne, Jules  
Cather, Willa  
Eliot, George



The Thirty Nine Steps

Buchan, John

## **Grade 11**

## **Author**

Adam Bede

Eliot, George

Billy Budd

Melville, Herman

Bleak House

Dickens, Charles

Catherine of Siena

Undset, Sigrid

Fathers and Sons

Turgenev, Ivan

Green Mansions

Hudson, W.H.

Gulliver's Travels

Swift, Jonathan

Hamlet

Shakespeare, William

Hunchback of Notre Dame

Hugo, Victor

Lord Jim

Conrad, Joseph

Martin Chuzzlewit

Dickens, Charles

Moby Dick

Melville, Herman

Montezuma's Daughter

Haggard, H. Rider (Henri Rider)

Northanger Abbey

Austen, Jane

Oliver Twist

Dickens, Charles

Our Mutual Friend

Dickens, Charles

Père Goriot

Balzac, Honoré de

Ramona

Jackson, Helen Hunt

Tales and poems

Poe, Edgar Allen

The Death of Ivan Ilyitch

Tolstoy, Leo

The Deerslayer

Cooper, James Fenimore

The House of Seven Gables

Hawthorne, Nathaniel

The Scarlet Letter

Hawthorne, Nathaniel

The Taming of The Shrew

Shakespeare, William

Three Musketeers

Dumas, Alexandre

Up from Slavery

Washington, Booker T.

War and Peace

Tolstoy, Leo

Wuthering Heights

Brontë, Emily

## **Grade 12**

Anna Karenina  
Conquest of Granada  
Crime and Punishment  
Four Voyages to the New World  
Frankenstein  
Gunnar's Daughter  
Ivanhoe  
Kristin Lavransdatter  
Life of George Washington  
Mansfield Park  
Middlemarch  
Persuasion  
Pride and Prejudice  
Sense and Sensibility  
The Betrothed  
The Last of the Mohicans  
The Sonnets  
Tom Jones  
Twelfth Night  
Vanity Fair

## **Author**

Tolstoy, Leo  
Irving, Washington  
Dostoyevsky, Feodor  
Columbus, Christopher  
Shelley, Mary  
Undset, Sigrid  
Scott, Walter  
Undset, Sigrid  
Irving, Washington  
Austen, Jane  
Eliot, George  
Austen, Jane  
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Manzoni, Alessandro  
Cooper, James Fenimore  
Shakespeare, William  
Fielding, Henry  
Shakespeare, William  
Thackeray, William Makepeace