



Asheville Christian
ACADEMY

2024 Summer Reading List for Lower School

Note for All Grades: Required books must be read during the summer. Related classroom activities will follow. Books from the Additional List must be new to the students and not previously read.

RISING 1ST GRADE

REQUIRED:

Stellaluna
Owen

Janell Cannon
Kevin Henkes

ADDITIONAL LIST TO READ TO YOUR CHILD - Choose 5 or more:

The Jesus Storybook Bible
Dr. Seuss (any title from his books)
Curious George (any from series)
Clifford the Big Red Dog (any from series)
The Magic School Bus - Lost in the Solar System
The Magic School Bus - Inside the Human Body
Officer Buckle and Gloria
This is Not My Hat
Blueberries for Sal
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus
Franklin (any from series)

Sally Lloyd-Jones
LeSieg, Seuss
H.A. Rey
Norman Bridwell
Cole and Degen
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Peggy Rathmann
Jon Klassen
Robert McCloskey
Mo Willems
Paulette Bourgeois

RISING 2ND GRADE

REQUIRED:

Mercy Watson (any title from the series)
Make Way for Ducklings

Kate DiCamillo
Robert McCloskey

ADDITIONAL READING - Choose 3 or more:

Mouse Tales or Mouse Soup
The Little Red Hen
Stone Soup
The Story About Ping
The Biggest Bear
Owl Moon
The Story of Ferdinand
Madeline (or another title from the same series)
One Morning in Maine
Amelia Bedelia (any title from the series)
Henry and Mudge (any title from the series)
Mr. Putter and Tabby (any title from the series)

Arnold Lobel
Paul Galdone
Ann McGovern
Marjorie Flack
Lynd Ward
Jane Yolen
Munro Leaf
Ludwig Bemelmans
Robert McCloskey
Peggy Parish
Cynthia Rylant
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RISING 3RD GRADE

REQUIRED:

Magic Tree House (any title from the series)
The Boxcar Children #1

ADDITIONAL READING - Choose 2 or more:

The Boxcar Children series (except #1)
Little House series
Hank the Cowdog series
Encyclopedia Brown series
American Girl series
Cul-De-Sac Kids series
The Littles series
The Sword in the Tree
A Lion to Guard Us
Stone Fox
The Bears on Hemlock Mountain
Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims
Buttons for General Washington

Mary Pope Osborne
Gertrude Chandler Warner

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Laura Ingalls Wilder
John R. Erickson
Donald Sobol
various authors
Beverly Lewis
John Peterson
Clyde Robert Bulla
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John Reynolds Gardiner
Alice Dalgliesh
Clyde Robert Bulla
Peter Roop

RISING 4TH GRADE

REQUIRED: *The Horse and His Boy*

ALSO REQUIRED: Choose either:

Pippi Longstocking
OR *Homer Price*

ADDITIONAL READING - Choose 1 or more:

Christian Heroes (Then & Now) series
How to Steal a Dog
The Moffats
Strawberry Girl
The Trumpet of the Swan
The Borrowers
Snow Treasure
Misty of Chincoteague
The Wild Robot
Wish
The Hundred Dresses
The Saturdays
Rain Reign
Soft Rain: A Story of the Cherokee Trail of Tears
The Little House series

C. S. Lewis

Astrid Lindgren
Robert McCloskey

Janet Benge
Barbara O'Connor
Eleanor Estes
Lois Lenski
E.B. White
Mary Norton
Marie McSwigan
Marguerite Henry
Peter Brown
Barbara O'Connor
Eleanor Estes
Elizabeth Enright
Ann Martin
Cornelia Cornelissen
Laura Ingalls Wilder

RISING 5TH GRADE

REQUIRED:

The Magician's Nephew
My Side of the Mountain

ADDITIONAL READING - Choose 1 or more:

Blue Willow
Caddie Woodlawn
The Indian in the Cupboard
The Phantom Tollbooth
Dear America series
Esperanza Rising
Amos Fortune, Free Man
Island of the Blue Dolphins
The Cricket in Times Square
From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
Blood on the River

C. S. Lewis
Jean Craighead George

Doris Gates
Carol Ryrie Brink
Lynne Reid Banks
Norton Juster
various authors
Pam Muñoz Ryan
Elizabeth Yates
Scott O'Dell
George Selden
E.L. Konigsburg
Elisa Carbone