

Recommended Reading List by Grade Level

Kindergarten Core Literature List:

Chicka Chicka Boom by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Corduroy by Don Freeman
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see? by Bill Martin Jr.
The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear by Don Wood
Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss
Cookie's Week by Cindy Ward
The Gingerbread Man by Jim Aylesworth
Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
Gregory, the Terrible Eater by Mitchell Sharmat
Harry the Dirty Dog- Gene Zion
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear by Lindsay Mattick
Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein
If You Give a Pig a Pancake by Laura Joffe Numeroff
Curious George by H. A. Rey

Grade 1 Literature List:

Alexander and the Horrible, Terrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst
Sheep in a Jeep- by Nancy E. Shaw
Is Your Mama a Llama? by Deborah Guarino
The Little Red Hen by Paul Galdone
Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey
Love You Forever by Robert Hutchins
The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
There's a Nightmare in my Closet by Mercer Mayer
Tikki Tikki Tembo by Arlene Mosel
The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle
Leo the Late Bloomer Bakes a Cake by Robert Kraus
The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams
Whose Mouse are You? by Robert Kraus
Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
Happy Birthday Moon by Frank Asch

Grade 2 Literature List:

Fossils Tell of Long Ago by Aliko Brandenburg
Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel
The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
Story of Johnny Appleseed by Aliko Brandenburg
The Adventures of Taxi Dog by Debra Barraca
Anansi the Spider by Gerald McDermott
Amelia Bedilia by Peggy Parish
A Bargain for Francis by Russell Hoban
The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash by Trinka Hakes Noble
A Chair for My Mother by Vera Williams
Corn is Maize by Aliko Brandenburg
Digging up Dinosaurs by Aliko Brandenburg
Hailstones and Halibut Bones by Mary O'Neill
Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King by Jean Marzollo
Helen Keller by Margaret Davidson
How Many Days to America? A Thanksgiving Story by Eve Bunting

Grade 3 Literature List:

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White
Mr. Popper's Penguins by Florence and Richard Atwater
Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary
All About Sam by Lois Lawry
Anno's Journey by Mitsumasa Anno
Brother Eagle, Sister Sky: A Message From Chief Seattle by Chief Seattle
Cinderella by Charles Perrault and Laurence Ballet
Columbus by Edgar Parin D'Aulaire
The Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh
Song of the Swallows by Leo Politi
The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses by Paul Goble
Each Orange Had 8 Slices: A Counting Book by Paul Giganti
Fables by Arnold Lobel
Magic Treehouse Books by Mary Pope Osborne
The Milk Makers by Gail Gibbons

Grade 4 Literature List:

By the Great Horn Spoon! by Sid Fleischman

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Fudge-a-Mania by Judy Blume

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

The BFG by Roald Dahl

The Black Stallion by Steven Farley

Blue Willow by Doris Gates

Carlota by Scott O'Dell

Children of the Dust Bowl by Jerry Stanley

Hank the Cowdog by John R. Erickson

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J. K. Rowling

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

The Little Prince by Antoin De Saint-Exupery

Grade 5 Literature List:

The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis

The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Ben & Me by Robert Lawson

Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia by Margaret Cousins

Brightly of the Grand Canyon by Marguerite Henry

The Cabin Faced West by Jean Fritz

Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink

Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary

The Fighting Ground by Avi

Frindle by Andrew Clements

A Gathering of Days by Joan Blos

Grade 6 Literature List:

The Boy of the Painted Cave by Justin Denzel
The Book of Greek Myths by Ingri and Edgar d'Aulaire
The Cay by Theodore Taylor
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
The Egypt Game by Zilpha Keatley Snyder
The Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis
From the Mixed-up Files by Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien
Summer of the Swans by Betsy Byars
Tales of Ancient Egypt by Roger Lancelyn Green
Fables of Aesop by Aesop
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
The Call of the Wild by Jack London
Holes by Louis Sachar
Tiger Eyes by Judy Blume

Grade 7 Literature List:

The Giver by Lois Lowry
Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry by Mildred D. Taylor
The Samurai's Tale by Erik Christian Haugaard
Catherine, Called Birdy by Karen Cushman
Adam of the Road by Elizabeth Gray Vining
A Day No Pigs Would Die by Robert Newton Peck
The Black Pearl by Scott O'Dell
The Castle in the Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop
The Door in the Wall by Marguerite de Angeli
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
The Maze Runner by James Dashner
The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
Eragon by Christopher Paolini

Grade 8 Literature List:

The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare
Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt
The Slave Dancer by Paula Fox
My Brother Sam is Dead by Christopher Collier and James Lincoln Collier
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
The Rainbow People by Laurence Yep
The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
The House of Sixty Fathers by Meindert DeJong
Mara, Daughter of the Nile by Eloise Jarvis McGraw
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Grade 9-10 Literature List:

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Romeo and Juliet by Shakespeare
The Odyssey by Homer
The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway
Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton
Black Like Me by John Howard Griffin
A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
Looking for Alaska by John Green
The 5th Wave by Rick Yancey
Turtles All the Way Down by John Green
The Three Musketeers by Alexander Dumas
Hiroshima by John Hersey
The Hunchback of Notre Dame by Victor Hugo
The Lord of the Rings by J. R. R. Tolkein
I am Malala by Malala Yousafza
Night by Ellie Weisel

Grade 11 Literature List:

Jane Eyre By Charlotte Bronte
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
Last Days of Pompeii by Edward Bulwer-Lytton
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Through the Looking Glass by Lewis Carroll
Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer
The Other Side of the Sky Childhood's End 2001: A Space Odyssey by Arthur Clarke
Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
Murder in the Cathedral by T. S. Eliot
Lord of the Flies by William Golding
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
Island by Aldous Huxley
Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling
Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis
Utopia by Sir Thomas More

Grade 12 Literature List:

The Scarlett Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne
Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin
The Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway
Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
Billy Budd by Herman Melville
Catch-22 by Joseph Heller
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
McTeague by Frank Norris
Moby-Dick by Herman Melville
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by Himself
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey