



VALOR
CLASSICAL ACADEMY

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Suggested Reading List

Kindergarten – 6th Grade

We intentionally do not list books that are already in our curriculum. Lexile Levels are provided for K-2nd grade. A Lexile number is a numeric representation of a student's approximate reading ability. Please consider book length as well as a child's interest. We would like students to become confident and joyful readers. Consider purchasing the reference guide, *Books Children Love* by Elizabeth Wilson for more classic, content-rich children's literature. We strongly encourage parents to regularly read aloud to their children books that are one to two grade levels above their current grade level.

Kindergarten & First Grade

Picture Books

Lexile Level	Title	Author
330 – 490 L	Frog and Toad (series)	Arnold Lobel
360 – 470 L	Little Bear (series)	Else Minarik
360 – 490 L	Frances (series)	Russell Hoban
370 – 500 L	Poppleton (series)	Cynthia Rylant
410 – 500 L	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie	Laura Numeroff
430 L	Daniel's Duck	Clyde Robert Bulla
430 L	Mouse Soup	Arnold Lobel
440 L	Mouse Tales	Arnold Lobel
450 – 550 L	George and Martha (series)	James Marshal
450 – 550 L	Henry and Mudge (series)	Cynthia Rylant
470 – 520 L	Annie and Snowball (series)	Cynthia Rylant
470 – 520 L	Harry (series)	Gene Zion
490 L	The Secret Valley	Clyde Robert Bulla
500 L	The Little Engine That Could	Watty Piper
520 – 620 L	Corduroy (series)	Don Freeman
550 L	Oscar Otter	Nathaniel Benchley
550 L	Stone Soup	Marcia Brown
580 L	New Coat for Anna	Harriet Seifert
580 L	Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel	Virginia Burton
600 L	Blueberries for Sal	Robert McCloskey
620 L	Ben Franklin and the Magic Squares	Frank Murphy
650 L	The Tale of Benjamin Bunny	Beatrix Potter
660 L	Henny Penny	Paul Galdone

680 L	Madeline (series)	Ludwig Bemelmans
730 L	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs	Judi Barrett
760 L	The Story of Ferdinand	Munro Leaf
unknown	Dr. Seuss (series)	Dr. Seuss

Chapter Books

Lexile Level	Title	Author
450 – 550 L	Nate the Great (series)	Marjorie Sharmat
470 – 670 L	The Boxcar Children (series)	Gertrude Warner
490 – 590 L	Flat Stanley (series)	Jeff Brown
500 – 750 L	Magic Tree House (series)	Mary Pope Osborne

Second Grade

Picture Books

Lexile Level	Title	Author
320 – 560 L	Miss Nelson (series)	Henry Allard
370 – 470 L	Frances (series)	Russell Hoban
440 L	Mouse Soup	Arnold Lobel
450 – 550 L	Nate the Great	Marjorie Sharmat
450 – 550 L	Mercy Watson (series)	Kate DiCamillo
500 L	Red Fox and his Canoe	Nathaniel Benchley
510 L	Petunia	Roger DuVoisin
530 L	Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims	Clyde Robert Bulla
530 L	Sam, the Minuteman	Nathaniel Benchley
530 L	Jerome Camps Out	Eileen Christelow
550 L	Pocahontas and the Strangers	Clyde Robert Bulla

550 – 850 L	Billy and Blaze (series)	C.W. Anderson
570 L	The Great Pig Escape	Eileen Christelow
570 L	Peppe, the Lamplighter	Elisa Bartone
600 L	A Picnic in October	Eve Bunting
610 L	One Morning in Maine	Robert McCloskey
690 L	Henry Huggins	Beverly Cleary
710 L	Make Way for Ducklings	Robert McCloskey
740 L	Henry and Risby	Beverly Cleary
760 L	The Story of Ferdinand	Munro Leaf
840 L	Lyle, Lyle Crocodile (series)	Bernard Waber
850 L	The Quiltmaker's Gift	Jeff Brumbeau
890 L	Socks	Beverly Cleary
890 L	Lentil	Robert McCloskey
900 L	Abraham Lincoln	Ingri & Edgar d'Aulaire
910 L	Emily's Runaway Imagination	Beverly Cleary
940 L	Time of Wonder	Robert McCloskey
1190 L	A Child's Garden of Verses	Robert Louis Stevenson
unknown	Brambly Hedge (series)	Jill Barklem
unknown	Chanticleer and the Fox	Barbara Cooney
unknown	Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes	DuBose Heyward
unknown	A First Book of Fairy Tales	Mary Hoffman
unknown	Tippey Lemmey	Patricia McKissack

Chapter Books

Lexile Level	Title	Author
470 – 650 L	The Boxcar Children (series)	Gertrude Warner

500 – 730 L	The Littles (series)	John Peterson
550 – 610 L	Cam Jansen (series)	David Adler
560 – 660 L	Betsy (series)	Carolyn Haywood
570 L	Caleb's Story	Patricia MacLachlan
580 – 640 L	Encyclopedia Brown (series)	Donald Sobol
590 L	The Trojan Horse	Emily Little
590 L	The Bears on Hemlock Mountain	Alice Dalgliesh
610 L	Tornado	Betsy Byars
610 L	The Courage of Sarah Noble	Alice Dalgliesh
650 – 750 L	Paddington Bear (series)	Michael Bond
660 L	Sarah, Plain and Tall	Patricia MacLachlan
750 – 850 L	Ramona (series)	Beverly Cleary
770 – 910 L	Bobbsey Twins (series)	Laura Hope
870 L	James and the Giant Peach	Roald Dahl
unknown	Milly-Molly-Mandy (series)	Joyce Brisley
unknown	The Best-loved Doll	Rebecca Caudill
unknown	Eddie (series)	Carolyn Haywood

Third Grade

Title	Author
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Richard Atwater
Indian in the Cupboard (series)	Lynn Banks
Paddington Bear(series)	Michael Bond
Milly-Molly-Mandy (series)	Joyce Brisley
The Big Wave	Pearl Buck
The Apple and the Arrow	Conrad & Mary Buff

Title	Author
A Lion to Guard Us	Robert Clyde Bulla
Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims	Robert Clyde Bulla
Frindle	Andrew Clements
Pedro's Journal	Pam Conrad
Abraham Lincoln	Ingri d'Aulaire and Edgar Parin
Benjamin Franklin	Ingri d'Aulaire and Edgar Parin
Columbus	Ingri d'Aulaire and Edgar Parin
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl
The Story of Thomas Alva Edison	Margaret Davidson
The Tale of Despereaux	Kate DiCamillo
Because of Winn Dixie	Kate DiCamillo
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	Kate DiCamillo
The Twenty-one Balloons	Pene Dubois
The Matchlock Gun	Walter D. Edmonds
The Hundred Dresses	Eleanor Estes
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	Ian Fleming
And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?	Jean Fritz
Can't You Make Them Behave, King George?	Jean Fritz
Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln	Jean Fritz
Shh...We're Writing the Constitution	Jean Fritz
What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?	Jean Fritz
Where Do You Think You're Going, Christopher Columbus?	Jean Fritz
The Reluctant Dragon	Kenneth Grahame
Phoebe the Spy	Judith Berry Griffin
Brightly of the Grand Canyon	Marguerite Henry

Title	Author
Misty of Chincoteague	Marguerite Henry
Harness	Thomas Jefferson
Paul Bunyan	Steven Kellogg
The Jungle Book	Rudyard Kipling
Strawberry Girl	Lois Lenski
Narnia (series)	C.S. Lewis
Betsy & Tacy (series)	Maud Lovelace
The Secret of the Sealed Room	Bailey MacDonald
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle (series)	Betty MacDonald
The Candy Makers	Wendy Mass
The Railway Children	E. Nesbit
The Borrowers (series)	Mary Norton
Tales from the Odyssey (series)	Mary Pope Osborne
Lawn Boy	Gary Paulson
The Cricket in Times Square	George Selden
The Five Little Peppers (series)	Margaret Sidney
One Hundred and One Dalmations	Dodie Smith
Bard of Avon: The Story of William Shakespeare	Diane Stanley
Charles Dickens: The Man Who Had Great Expectations	Diane Stanley
Leonardo da Vinci	Diane Stanley
Freedom Train	Dorothy Sterling
Corgiville Fair	Tasha Tudor
Red Sails to Capri	Ann Weil
Stuart Little	E.B. White

Title	Author
The Battle for the Castle	Elizabeth Winthrop
Childhood of Famous Americans (series)	Various authors

Fourth Grade

Title	Author
The Big Wave	Pearl Buck
Chalk Box Kid Robert	Clyde Bulla
Ida Early (series)	Robert Burch
A Little Princess	Francis Burnett
The Incredible Journey	Sheila Burnford
The Summer of the Swans	Betsy Byars
Understood Betsy	Dorothy Canfield
Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia	Margaret Cousins
The Terrible Wave	Marden Dahlstedt
The House of Sixty Fathers	Meindert DeJong
The Little Prince	Antoine deSaint Exupery
Because of Winn Dixie	Kate DiCamillo
Black Stallion (series)	Walter Farley
The Red Keep	Allen French
The Lost Baron	Allen French
The Cabin Faced West	Jean Fritz
Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln	Jean Fritz
Shh...We're Writing the Constitution	Jean Fritz
What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?	Jean Fritz
White Stallions of Lipizza	Marguerite Henry

Title	Author
Bobbsey Twins (series)	Laura Hope
The Story of Eli Whitney	Jean Lee Latham
Ben and Me	Robert Lawson
Mr. Revere and I	Robert Lawson
Indian Captive	Lois Lenski
Strawberry Girl	Lois Lenski
Narnia (series)	C.S. Lewis
Pippi Longstocking (series)	Astrid Lindgren
The Lost Princess	George MacDonald
Homer Price	Robert McCloskey
The Story of the Treasure Seekers	E. Nesbit
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	Robert O'Brien
Harness	Thomas Jefferson
The Cricket in Times Square	George Selden
The Little Riders	Margaretha Shaman
Diary of an Early American Boy	Eric Sloane
In Their Own Words: Paul Revere	George Sullivan
The Thirteen Clocks	James Thurber
Mary Poppins	P.L. Travers
Little House (series)	Laura Ingalls Wilder
Detectives in Togas	Henry Winterfeld
The Mystery of the Roman Ransom	Henry Winterfeld
Mountain Born	Elizabeth Yates

Fifth and Sixth Grade

Title	Author
Born Free	Joy Adamson
Little Women	Louisa May Alcott
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	Avi
Tuck Everlasting	Natalie Babbitt
National Velvet	Enid Bagnold
Miss Hickory Carolyn	Sherwin Bailey
The Wizard of Oz	Frank Baum
The Nickel-Plated Beauty	Patricia Beatty
Turn Homeward, Hannalee	Patricia Beatty
Tolliver's Secret	Esther Brady
The Golden Fleece	Padraic Colum
Where the Lilies Bloom	Vera & Bill Cleavers
The Door in the Wall	Marguerite DeAngeli
Shakespeare	Stealer Blackwood
The Wheel on the School	Meindert DeJong
Along Came a Dog	Meindert DeJong
Gone Away Lake	Elizabeth Enright
Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
The Moffatts	Eleanor Estes
Calico Bush	Rachel Field
Bull Run	Paul Fleischman
The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane	Russell Freedman
The Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow	Allen French

Title	Author
Homesick, My Own Story	Jean Fritz
The Cabin Faced West	Jean Fritz
The Great Little Madison	Jean Fritz
My Side of the Mountain	Jean George
Old Yeller	Fred Gibson
Cheaper by the Dozen	Frank Gilbreth
Adam of the Road	Elizabeth Gray
The Tale of Troy	Roger Lancelyn Green
Up a Road Slowly	Irene Hunt
Across Five Aprils	Irene Hunt
Rip Van Winkle	Washington Irving
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow	Washington Irving
Phantom Tollbooth	Norton Juster
A Boy Knight: A Tale of the Crusades	G.A. Henty
The Great Turkey Walk	Kathleen Karr
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	E.L. Konigsburg
Lassie Come Home	Eric Knight
Carry on, Mr. Bowditch	Jean Lee Latham
The Great Wheel	Robert Lawson
A Ring of Endless Light	Madeleine L'Engle
Narnia (series)	C.S. Lewis
Doctor Dolittle (series)	Hugh Lofting
The Lost Princess	George MacDonald
At the Back of the North Wind	George MacDonald
The Wise Woman and Other Stories	George MacDonald

Title	Author
Thomas Jefferson: Architect of Freedom	Rita Thievon Mullin
The Boy's War	Jim Murphy
The Black Pearl	Scott O'Dell
My Friend Flicka	Mary O'Hara
Adventures of Don Quixote	Argentina Palacios
Bridge to Terabithia	Katherine Patterson
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen
Men of Iron	Howard Pyle
The Westing Game	Ellen Raskin
The Yearling	Marjorie Rawlings
Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls
The Rescuers	Margery Sharp
Theras and His Town	Caroline Dale Snedeker
The Witch of Blackbird Pond	Elizabeth George Speare
Calico Captive	Elizabeth George Speare
Call it Courage	Armstrong Sperry
Heidi	Johanna Spyri
The Perilous Road	William Steele
The Eagle of the Ninth	Rosemary Sutcliff
Black Ships Before	Troy Rosemary Sutcliff
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry	Mildred Taylor
The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien
Banner in the Sky James	Ramsey Ullman
Around the World in 80 Days	Jules Verne
The Trumpet of the Swan	E.B. White

Title	Author
Rebecca of Sunnybrooke Farm	Kate Wiggin
Son of Charlemagne	Barbara Willard
The God King	Joanne Williamson
Blackthorn Winter	Douglas Wilson
Susan Creek	Douglas Wilson
100 Cupboards (series)	N.D. Wilson
Detectives in Togas	Henry Winterfeld
Swiss Family Robinson	Johann Wyss