



Summer Reading

Required Summer and Supplemental Enrichment Reading

In the Memoria Press/ACA literature curriculum, students read three or four good books in depth with study guides every year. Students should also be reading additional books during the school year and *especially during leisure time in the summers*.

ACA Required Summer Reading books will be provided by ACA. Please return them to school in the fall. Students should be prepared for a class book discussion and simple quiz over the assigned reading during the first week of school.

Required Summer Reading List

Rising Grades K - 3:

None

Rising Grade 4:

Child's History of the World by Hillyer (Intro through Ch. 41)

Rising Grade 5:

The Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain

Rising Grade 6:

Watership Down by Richard Adams

Rising Grade 7:

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling

Rising Grade 8:

Ben Hur by Lew Wallace

Supplemental Enrichment Reading

How to Use the Memoria Press Supplemental Reading List

Any books on the supplemental list that are marked with a red asterisk (*) are assigned at ACA during the school year. These should be omitted from summer reading for current students if they have already covered them during the academic year. Additionally, students should not read selections slated for grades ahead. However, for all new students, at a minimum, those which were assigned during the school year for grade level just completed, should be read *in addition to* any required reading for the rising grade level.

For each grade, books suggested are suitable for the summer before that grade, during the school year, and the summer after that grade. Books from higher or lower grades may also be good choices for your student, depending on his or her reading level and interest. These lists will be most useful for those who know the reading level and interests of their students.

One caveat. Students can become lazy and resist reading books above their comfort level, particularly if on their own. It is important to include some books in their pleasure reading that are somewhat challenging, books that you may occasionally have to help them push through. Ideally, parents and students will enjoy reading the more challenging selections together. The goal is to continuously raise the reading level of your students.

For each book in grades 2+, most entries include the author, number of pages, and lexile level. The lexile reading level is an imperfect but useful guide to a book's reading level or difficulty. The lexile reading level is based on word repetition and sentence length and is explained [here](https://lexile.com/educators/find-books-at-the-right-level/about-lexile-codes/): <https://lexile.com/educators/find-books-at-the-right-level/about-lexile-codes/>

Factors that are not included in the lexile level are vocabulary and content. The lexile level for each grade is taken from the lexile site [here](https://lexile.com/educators/measuring-growth-with-lexile/lexile-measures-grade-equivalents/): <https://lexile.com/educators/measuring-growth-with-lexile/lexile-measures-grade-equivalents/>

Grade	Lexile Level
K-1	Up to 530L
Grade 2	420 – 650 L
Grade 3	520 – 820 L
Grade 4	640 – 940 L
Grade 5	730 – 1010 L
Grade 6	860 – 1070L
Grade 7-8	880 – 1185 L
Grade 9-12	960 – 1385 L

If your child is a voracious reader, seeking even more above and beyond MP recommendations, see [here](https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/summer-reading-grade-grade-recommended-reading-list-kids/): <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/summer-reading-grade-grade-recommended-reading-list-kids/>



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SUPPLEMENTAL READING LISTS

KINDERGARTEN TO FIRST GRADE (Up to 530L)

	Book	Author
Beginner Books (Random House)	<i>The Cat in the Hat</i>	Dr. Seuss
	<i>One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish</i>	Dr. Seuss
	<i>Green Eggs and Ham</i>	Dr. Seuss
	<i>Hop on Pop</i>	Dr. Seuss
	<i>Fox in Socks</i>	Dr. Seuss
	<i>Go, Dog. Go!</i>	P. D. Eastman
	<i>Are You My Mother?</i>	P. D. Eastman
I Can Read! Books (Harper Collins, Harper Trophy)	<i>Morris Goes to School</i>	Bernard Wiseman
	<i>Frog and Toad (5 books)</i>	Arnold Lobel
	<i>Mouse Tales</i>	Arnold Lobel
	<i>Owl at Home</i>	Arnold Lobel
	<i>Little Bear</i>	Else Holmelund Minarik
	<i>Bread and Jam for Frances</i>	Russell Hoban
	<i>Danny and the Dinosaur</i>	Syd Hoff
Easy Reader Classics (Sterling Publishing, most are 4-6 book sets)	<i>The Wind in the Willows</i>	Kenneth Grahame
	<i>Treasure Island</i>	Robert Louis Stevenson
	<i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>	Mark Twain
	<i>The Story of Doctor Dolittle</i>	Hugh Lofting
Ready to Read or Easy to Read (Simon Spotlight, Simon and Schuster)	<i>Henry and Mudge (28 books)</i>	Cynthia Rylant
Step Into Reading Books (Random House)		
National Geographic Readers		
American Museum of Natural History Easy Readers		
DK Readers		
Scholastic Readers		
Usborne Very First Reading Series (16 books)		

SECOND GRADE (420 – 650L)

Book	Author	Pages	Lexile Level
<i>Each Peach Pear Plum (I Spy)</i>	Allan & Janet Ahlberg	32	NP
<i>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie</i>	Laura Joffe Numeroff	40	AD660L
<i>Corduroy</i>	Don Freeman	28	600L
<i>Harry the Dirty Dog</i>	Gene Zion	32	700L
<i>The Little Engine That Could</i>	Watty Piper	37	AD740L
<i>Floss</i>	Kim Lewis	32	AD610L
<i>Madeline</i>	Ludwig Bemelmans	46	330L
<i>Nate the Great</i>	Marjorie Weinman Sharmat	48	130L
<i>The Story of Ferdinand</i>	Munro Leaf	70	AD830L
<i>Drummer Hoff</i>	Barbara & Ed Emberley	32	NP
<i>Henny Penny</i>	Paul Galdone	40	AD660L
<i>Never Tease a Weasel</i>	Jean Conder Soule	40	
<i>Mr. Putter & Tabby Pour the Tea</i>	Cynthia Rylant	44 (multiple)	540L
<i>Gregory's Shadow</i>	Don Freeman	32	AD180L
<i>The Magic Fish</i>	Freya Littledale	32	320L
<i>Doctor De Soto</i>	William Steig	32	
<i>Curious George</i>	H. A. Rey	36	400L
<i>Bread and Jam for Frances</i>	Russell Hoban	4 books	AD490L
<i>Billy and Blaze</i>	C. W. Anderson	48 (6)	550L, 660L, AD860L, 530L, AD530L, 570L
<i>A New Coat for Anna</i>	Harriet Ziefert	40	690L
<i>Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel</i>	Virginia Lee Burton	58	820L
<i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i>	Patricia MacLachlan	52	560L
<i>Flat Stanley</i>	Jeff Brown	80 (4)	AD550L
<i>The Gardener</i>	Sarah Stewart	40	AD570L
<i>A Penny's Worth of Character</i>	Jesse Stuart	62	780L
<i>Maybelle the Cable Car</i>	Virginia Lee Burton	42	NP

Chapter Books

<i>My Father's Dragon</i>	Ruth Stiles Gannett	80 (3)	800L
<i>The Bears on Hemlock Mountain</i>	Alice Dalgliesh	64	490L
<i>The Canada Geese Quilt (A Yearling Book)</i>	Natalie Kinsey-Warnock	64	680L
Stepping Stones Books	Various	Various	500L-1000L

THIRD GRADE (520 – 820L)

Book	Author	Pages	Lexile Level
<i>The Biggest Bear</i>	Lynd Ward	84	690L
<i>Time of Wonder</i>	Robert McCloskey	64	940L
<i>*Peter Rabbit Tales (*2nd grade)</i>	Beatrix Potter	50 (23)	AD660L
<i>Little House series (*Little House in the Big Woods 2nd grade)</i>	Laura Ingalls Wilder	~350 (9)	930L
<i>A Bear Called Paddington</i>	Michael Bond	176	750L
<i>*Mr. Popper's Penguins (*2nd grade)</i>	Richard & Florence Atwater	139	910L
<i>The Cricket in Times Square</i>	George Selden	160	780L
<i>Encyclopedia Brown series</i>	Donald J. Sobol	100	650 L
<i>The Trumpet of the Swan</i>	E. B. White	272	750L
<i>The Story of Doctor Dolittle</i>	Hugh Lofting	150	920L
<i>Seaman's Journal: On the Trail with Lewis and Clark</i>	Patricia Reeder Eubank	32	690L
<i>Gentle Ben</i>	Walt Morey	191	740L
<i>The Black Stallion</i>	Walter Farley	200	700L
<i>The Velveteen Rabbit</i>	Margery Williams	40	820L
<i>Grandma's Attic</i>	Arleta Richardson	140 (7)	420L
<i>The Midnight Fox</i>	Betsy Byars	134	970L
<i>Winnie-the-Pooh</i>	A. A. Milne	161	790L
<i>The Borrowers</i>	Mary Norton	192 (5)	780L
<i>The Sign of the Beaver</i>	Elizabeth George Speare	144	770L
<i>The Great Turkey Walk</i>	Kathleen Karr	203	700L
<i>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH</i>	Robert C. O'Brien	240	790L
<i>Freddy the Pig series</i>	Walter Brooks	270	830L

FOURTH GRADE (640 – 940L)

Book	Author	Pages	Lexile Level
<i>Betsy-Tacy series</i>	Maud Hart Lovelace	144 (10)	650L
<i>Stuart Little</i>	E. B. White	131	920L
<i>Paddle-to-the-Sea</i>	Holling C. Holling	64	840L
<i>Burt Dow: Deep-Water Man</i>	Robert McCloskey	64	
<i>One Morning in Maine</i>	Robert McCloskey	64	830L
<i>*Homer Price (*3rd grade)</i>	Robert McCloskey	149	1000L
<i>Owls in the Family</i>	Farley Mowat	91	980L
<i>The Yearling</i>	Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings	405	750L
<i>The Hundred Dresses</i>	Eleanor Estes		870L
<i>Ginger Pye</i>	Eleanor Estes	300	990L
<i>Little House series (*Little House in the Big Woods 2nd grade)</i>	Laura Ingalls Wilder	~350	930L
<i>Call It Courage</i>	Armstrong Sperry	128	830L
<i>Seaman: The Dog Who Explored the West with Lewis & Clark</i>	Gail Langer Karwoski	184	800L
<i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>	Wilson Rawls		700L
<i>Philomena</i>	Kate Seredy	93	
<i>The Railway Children</i>	Edith Nesbit	267	920L
<i>*Carry On, Mr. Bowditch (*6th grade)</i>	Jean Lee Latham	256	570L
<i>Rifles for Watie</i>	Harold Keith	352	910L
<i>My Father's Dragon series</i>	Ruth Stiles Gannett	256	1040L
<i>Pollyanna</i>	Eleanor H. Porter	122	870L
<i>The Green Ember</i>	S. D. Smith	168	
<i>The Matchlock Gun</i>	Walter D. Edmonds	80	860L
<i>Misty of Chincoteague</i>	Marguerite Henry	172	830L
<i>King of the Wind</i>	Marguerite Henry	172	830L
<i>Percy Jackson and the Olympians series</i>	Rick Riordan	400	700 L
<i>Time of Wonder</i>	Robert McCloskey	64	940L
<i>Melendy Quartet</i>	Elizabeth Enright	192 (4)	820L
<i>From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i>	E. L. Konigsburg	162	700L
<i>The Enormous Egg</i>	Oliver Butterworth	188	900L
<i>The Indian in the Cupboard</i>	Lynne Reid Banks	184	780L
<i>The Sign of the Beaver</i>	Elizabeth George Speare	144	770L
<i>Dangerous Journey: The Story of Pilgrim's Progress</i>	Oliver Hunkin	126	

<i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass</i>	Lewis Carroll	272	890L
<i>The Great Brain</i>	John Fitzgerald	192	840L
<i>A Tree for Peter</i>	Kate Seredy		
<i>The Singing Tree</i>	Kate Seredy	256	770L
<i>The Good Master</i>	Kate Seredy	192	640L

Recommended reading for Famous Men of Rome

Book	Author	Pages	Lexile Level
<i>Detectives in Togas</i>	Henry Winterfeld		660L
<i>The Roman Mysteries</i>	Caroline Lawrence		720L
<i>The Story of Rome (Usborne)</i>	Rosie Dickins	64	770L
<i>The Romans (Usborne)</i>	Graham Tingay	96	
<i>The Usborne Encyclopedia of the Ancient World*</i>	Jane Bingham	400	
<i>The Usborne Encyclopedia of World History*</i>			

**These books refer to the age of the world in a way that contradicts young earth creationism.*

FIFTH GRADE (730 – 1010L)

Book	Author	Pages	Lexile Level
<i>The Golden Goblet</i>	Eloise Jarvis McGraw	256	930L
<i>Theras and His Town</i>	Caroline Dale Snedeker	208	
<i>*The Iliad (The Classics) (*8th grade)</i>	Rosemary Sutcliff	136	
<i>Black Ships Before Troy</i>	Rosemary Sutcliff	151	1300L
<i>*The Odyssey (The Classics) (*8th grade)</i>	Rosemary Sutcliff	128	
<i>The Wanderings of Odysseus</i>	Rosemary Sutcliff	144	1220L
<i>Mara, Daughter of the Nile</i>	Eloise Jarvis McGraw	288	910L
<i>Rabbit Hill</i>	Robert Lawson	120	1050L
<i>A Little Princess</i>	Frances Hodgson Burnett	245	970L
<i>Little Lord Fauntleroy</i>	Frances Hodgson Burnett	176	1070L
<i>The Secret Garden</i>	Frances Hodgson Burnett	311	970L
<i>*The Chronicles of Narnia (*Lion, Witch, Wardrobe(4th), and *Dawn Treader (6th))</i>	C. S. Lewis	200 (7)	870L
<i>Pinocchio</i>	Carlo Collodi	192	840L
<i>The Twenty-One Balloons</i>	William Pene du Bois	180	1070L
<i>Calico Captive</i>	Elizabeth George Speare	288	900L
<i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i>	Elizabeth George Speare	249	850L
<i>Caddie Woodlawn</i>	Carol Ryrie Brink	288	890L
<i>National Velvet</i>	Enid Bagnold	272	
<i>Ballet Shoes, Dancing Shoes, Theater Shoes</i>	Noel Streatfeild	280 (3)	930L
<i>Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm</i>	Kate Douglas Wiggin	341	1160L
<i>Old Yeller</i>	Fred Gipson	181	910L
<i>The Captain's Dog</i>	Roland Smith	304	890L
<i>Rabbit Hill</i>	Robert Lawson	128	1050L
<i>Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, etc.</i>	d'Aulaire	70	900L

G. A. Henty Books: Ancient World Historical Fiction, Challenging

<i>Beric the Briton</i>	G. A. Henty	240	
<i>For the Temple</i>	G. A. Henty	210	1300L
<i>The Cat of Bubastes</i>	G. A. Henty	320	
<i>The Young Carthaginian</i>	G. A. Henty	206	1240L

SIXTH GRADE (860 – 1070L)

Book	Author	Pages	Lexile Level
<i>Tales of Ancient Egypt</i>	Roger L. Green	256	1270L
<i>The Tale of Troy</i>	Roger L. Green	224	
<i>Tales of the Greek Heroes</i>	Roger L. Green	224	1190L
<i>The Luck of Troy</i>	Roger L. Green	224	1100L
<i>The Hero Schliemann: The Dreamer Who Dug for Troy</i>	Laura Amy Schlitz	80	910L
<i>Belisarius: The First Shall Be Last</i>	Paulo A. Belzoni	248	
<i>Hitty: Her First Hundred Years</i>	Rachel Field	262	1180L
<i>Hans Brinker or the Silver Skates</i>	Mary Mapes Dodge	260	1020L
<i>Around the World in Eighty Days</i>	Jules Verne	300	1070L
<i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i>	Norton Juster	256	1000L
<i>Little Britches</i>	Ralph Moody	260	1090L
<i>Tuck Everlasting</i>	Natalie Babbitt	160	770L
<i>*Johnny Tremain (*6th grade)</i>	Esther Forbes	269	840L
<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>	L. Frank Baum	192	1030L

Books set in the Middle Ages

<i>The Trumpeter of Krakow</i>	Eric P. Kelly	224	1200L
<i>The White Stag</i>	Kate Seredy	96	1020L
<i>Men of Iron</i>	Howard Pyle	256	1210L
<i>Otto of the Silver Hand</i>	Howard Pyle	173	
<i>The Red Keep</i>	Allen French	370	
<i>The Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow</i>	Allen French	240	
<i>The Lost Baron</i>	Allen French	320	
<i>Son of Charlemagne</i>	Barbara Willard	212	

G. A. Henty Books: Historical Fiction set in the Middle Ages

<i>The Dragon and the Raven</i>	G. A. Henty	288	
<i>In Freedom's Cause</i>	G. A. Henty	320	
<i>Winning His Spurs</i>	G. A. Henty	168	
<i>Wulf the Saxon</i>	G. A. Henty	352	
<i>A Knight of the White Cross</i>	G. A. Henty	487	1310L
<i>St. George for England</i>	G. A. Henty	174	
<i>The Lion of St. Mark</i>	G. A. Henty	420	

SEVENTH TO EIGHTH GRADE (880 – 1185L)

Book	Author	Pages	Lexile Level
<i>*Anne of Green Gables series (*7th grade)</i>	Lucy Maud Montgomery	497	990L
<i>Little Women</i>	Louisa May Alcott	670	1000L
<i>*The Lord of the Rings trilogy (*8th grade)</i>	J. R. R. Tolkien	1178	860L
<i>The Chestry Oak</i>	Kate Seredy	254	1020L
<i>Around the World in Eighty Days</i>	Jules Verne	300	1070L
<i>Journey to the Center of the Earth</i>	Jules Verne	300	1040L
<i>She</i>	H. Rider Haggard	368	
<i>King Solomon's Mines</i>	H. Rider Haggard	292	1230L
<i>Mr. Midshipman Hornblower</i>	C. S. Forester	310 (11)	
<i>Sherlock Holmes</i>	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle		
<i>*Robinson Crusoe (*slated for 10th grade)</i>	Daniel Defoe		
<i>Across Five Aprils</i>	Irene Hunt	224	1110L
<i>The Swiss Family Robinson</i>	J. D. Wyss		

G. A. Henty Books: Historical Fiction set in American/Modern

<i>By Right of Conquest</i>	G. A. Henty	228	
<i>With Lee in Virginia</i>	G. A. Henty	336	1130L
<i>With Wolf in Canada</i>	G. A. Henty		
<i>The Dash for Khartoum</i>	G. A. Henty	134	
<i>Facing Death</i>	G. A. Henty	320	

Rosemary Sutcliff Books

<i>The Shining Company</i>	Rosemary Sutcliff	304	1240L
<i>Sword Song</i>	Rosemary Sutcliff	288	1240L
<i>The Silver Branch</i>	Rosemary Sutcliff	208 (3)	1120L
<i>Outcast</i>	Rosemary Sutcliff	240	
<i>The Eagle of the Ninth</i>	Rosemary Sutcliff		1110L