



LEXINGTON LATIN SCHOOL

Summer Reading Lists

For more challenging books, advance to a higher grade level. Page numbers are approximate. Be sure to select unabridged versions unless otherwise noted.

Rising 1st Graders

Books that will be read and studied in class during the 1st Grade year: Little Bear, Little Bear's Visit, Caps For Sale, The Little House (Burton), The Story About Ping, Stone Soup, Billy and Blaze, Blaze and the Forest Fire, and The Courage of Sarah Noble.

I Can Read Books

- Morris Goes to School (Level 1)
- Frog and Toad (5 book series, Level 2)
- Mouse Tales (Level 2)
- Wind in the Willows

I Spy, Each Peach Pear and Plum, 32 p.

Drummer Hoff, 32 p.

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, 20 p.

Doctor DeSoto, 32 p.

Corduroy, 28 p.

Circus Caps for Sale

Curious George, 36 p.

Harry the Dirty Dog, 32 p.

Bread and Jam for Frances, 32 p. (5 book series)

The Little Engine that Could, 37 p.

Floss, 32 p.

Ox-cart Man, 40 p.

Blueberries for Sal, 32 p.

The Magic Fish, 32 p.

Gregory's Shadow, 32 p.

Maybelle The Cable Car, 42 p.

Madeline, 46 p. (6 book series)

Seaman's Journal: On the Trail with Lewis and Clark, 32 p.

Poems to Read to the Very Young, by Josette Frank

Rising 2nd Graders

Henry and Mudge (6 book series, Level 2)

Little Bear, 64 p.

Mr. Putter & Tabby Pour the Tea, 44 p. (4 book series)

Billy and Blaze, 48 p. (6 book series)

The Tales of Peter Rabbit, 50 p. (23 book series)

Nate the Great, 48 p. (5 book series)
A New Coat for Anna, 40 p.
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel, 58 p.
Make Way for Ducklings, 64 p.
One Morning in Maine, 64 p.
Burt Dow, Deep Water Man, 64 p.
Time of Wonder, 64 p.
The Biggest Bear, 84 p.
The Velveteen Rabbit, 40 p.
Sarah Plain and Tall, 52 p.
The Matchlock Gun, 62 p.
The Story of Ferdinand, 70 p.
Flat Stanley, 80 p. (4 book series)
My Father's Dragon, 96 p. (3 book series)
A Penny's Worth of Character, 62 p.
Seaman's Journal: On the Trail with Lewis and Clark, 32 p.
Ready for chapter books
The Bears on Hemlock Mountain
The Case of Hermie the Missing Hamster
Tall Tales: Winging it with the Wright Brothers
The Case of the Golden Key
Balto and the Great Race
The Canada Geese Quilt
The Courage of Sarah Noble
Hannah
Next Spring an Oriole
Pioneer Cat

Rising 3rd Graders

Owls in the Family, 91 p.
Encyclopedia Brown, 100 p. (7 book series)
Stuart Little, 131 p.
Homer Price, 149 p.
Mr. Popper's Penguins, 139 p.
The Cricket in Times Square, 160 p.
Rabbit Hill, 120 p.
Betsy-Tacy, 144 p. (10 book series)
Grandma's Attic, 140 p. (7 books series)
The Midnight Fox, 134 p.
Winnie-the-Pooh, 161 p.
Indian in the Cupboard, 184 p. (5 book series)
The Borrowers, 192 p. (5 book series)
Milly-Molly-Mandy Storybook, 224 p.
The Railway Children, 267 p.

Pinocchio, 261 p.
Sign of the Beaver, 144 p.
Little House in the Big Woods
Little House on the Prairie
The Story of Dr. Doolittle, 150 p. (7 book series), Hugh Lofting
Seaman's Journal: On the Trail with Lewis and Clark, 32 p.

Rising 4th Graders

The Magician's Nephew, C.S. Lewis
(first of Narnia Chronicles)
Little House Books (9 book series), Laura Wilder
The Trumpet of the Swan, 272 p., E.B. White
Little Lord Fauntleroy, 176 p., Frances Hodgson Burnett
Pinocchio, 192 p., Carlo Collodi
Ginger Pye, 300 p.(7 book series about the Moffats and Pyes), Eleanor Estes
The Black Stallion, 200 p. (18 book series), Walter Farley
Misty of Chincoteague, 176 p., Marguerite Henry
Peter Pan, 240 p., J. M. Barrie
Freddie the Pig Series, 270 p., Walter Brooks
The Little Colonel Series, 114 p., Annie Fellows Johnson
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, 162 p., E.L. Konigsburg
Dangerous Journey, The Story of Pilgrim's Progress, 126 p., Oliver Hunkin
Seaman: The Dog Who Explored the West with Lewis and Clark, 184 p., Gail Karwoski

Rising 5th Graders

The Chronicles of Narnia, 200 p. (7 book series), C.S. Lewis
The Secret Garden, 311 p., Frances Hodgson Burnett
A Little Princess, 245 p., Frances Hodgson Burnett
Twenty One Balloons, 180 p., William Pene Dubois
Caddie Woodlawn, 288 p., Carol Ryrie Brink
Black Beauty, 260 p., Anna Sewell
The Black Stallion, 200 p. (18 book series), Walter Farley
Theras and His Town, 237 p., Caroline Dale Snedeker
Hans Brinker of the Silver Skates, 260 p., Mary Mapes Dodge
King of the Wind, 172 p., Marguerite Henry
The Story of a Bad Boy, 312 p., Thomas Bailey Aldrich
National Velvet, 272 p., Enid Bagnold
Ballet Shoes, 280 p. (3 book series, Theater Shoes, Dancing Shoes), Noel Streatfeild
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm, 341 p., Kate Douglas Wiggin
The Wizard of Oz, 192 p., L. Frank Baum
Gentle Ben, 191 p., Walter Morey
Sign of the Beaver, 144 p., Elizabeth George Speare
Old Yeller, 181 p., Fred Gipson
Seaman: The Dog Who Explored the West with Lewis and Clark, 184 p., Gail Karwoski

The Red Keep, 370 p., Allen French
Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow, 240 p., Allen French
The Lost Baron, 320 p., Allen French

Rising 6th Graders

Men of Iron, 256 p., Howard Pyle
Otto of the Silver Hand, 173 p., Howard Pyle
Hitty, Her First One Hundred Years, 262 p., Rachel Field
(Not the rewrite, which is titled Rachel Field's Hitty)
Swiss Family Robinson, 416 p., Johann Wyss
Around the World in Eighty Days, 300 p., Jules Verne
The Trumpeter of Krakow, 224 p., Eric P. Kelly
The Phantom Tollbooth, 256 p., Norton Juster
Where the Red Fern Grows, 230 p., Wilson Rawls
Little Britches, 260 p., Ralph Moody
Man of the Family, 272 p., Ralph Moody
The Home Ranch, 277 p., Ralph Moody
Other Ralph Moody books, including Come
On Sea Biscuit, The Fields of Home,
Mary Emma & Co., Shaking the Nickel Bush, and
Stagecoach West
The Witch of Blackbird Pond, 249 p., Elizabeth George Speare
Calico Captive, 288 p., Elizabeth George Speare
Seaman: The Dog Who Explored the West with Lewis and Clark, 184 p., Gail Karwoski
The Red Keep, 370 p., Allen French
Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow, 240 p., Allen French
The Lost Baron, 320 p., Allen French
Fallon, 152 p., Louis L'Amour
First Fast Draw, 156 p., Louis L'Amour
Trail of Seven Pines, 256 p., Louis L'Amour
Any Louis L'Amour book or short story
G.A. Henty Books – Historical fiction set in the Ancient World
Beric the Briton
For the Temple
The Cat of Bubastes
The Young Carthaginian
G.A. Henty Books – Historical fiction set in the Middle Ages
The Dragon and the Raven
In Freedom's Cause
Winning His Spurs
Wulf the Saxon
A Knight of the White Cross
St. George for England
The Lion of St. Mark

G.A. Henty Books – Historical fiction set in American/Modern

By Right of Conquest

With Lee in Virginia

With Wolf in Canada

The Dash for Khartoum

Facing Death

Rosemary Sutcliff books

The Shining Company

Sword Song

The Eagle of the Ninth

The Silver Branch

Outcast

Ballantyne books from Vision Forum. Adventure books set in different parts of the world.

Blue Lights

The Coral Island

Deep Down

The Giant of the North

The Gorilla Hunters

Hunted and Harried

Martin Rattler

The Pirate City

Red Rooney

The Young Fur Traders

Gascoyne, the Sandal Wood Trader

The Dog Crusoe and His Master

The Cannibal Islands

The Pioneers

The Island Queen

Ungava

The Lonely Island

The Norsemen in the West

Post Haste

Fighting the Flames

Rising 7th Graders

All Anne of Green Gables Books, Maud Montgomery

The Yearling, 420 p., Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Little Women, 670 p., Louisa May Alcott

The Lord of the Rings Trilogy, J.R.R. Tolkein

Journey to the Center of the Earth, 300 p., Jules Verne

She, 368 p., H. Rider Haggard

King Solomon's Mines, 292 p., H. Rider Haggard

Mr. Midshipman Hornblower, 310 p. (11 book series + a companion book of notes and maps),

C.S. Forester

Carry on Mr. Bowditch, 256 p., Jean Latham
Johnny Tremain, 269 p., Esther Forbes
Seaman: The Dog Who Explored the West with Lewis and Clark, 184 p., Gail Karwoski
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Rosemary Sutcliff books
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Sword Song
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The Silver Branch
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Ballantyne books from Vision Forum

Rising 8th Graders

Any of the selections on the 7th Grade reading list
The White Company by Arthur Conan Doyle (highly recommended before reading Henry V in 8th grade)
Tom Sawyer
Huckleberry Finn
The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea
The Call of the Wild
White Fang
Robinson Crusoe
Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen
Jane Eyre, 465 p., Charlotte Bronte
Mr. Midshipman Hornblower, 310 p. (11 book series + a companion book of notes and maps),

C.S. Forester

All Creatures Great and Small, 437 p., James Herriot

All Things Bright and Beautiful, 437 p., James Herriot

All Things Wise and Wonderful, 437 p., James Herriot

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For the Temple

The Cat of Bubastes

The Young Carthaginian

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Parents of 7th and 8th Graders: I've included the high school list in case your students wants the more advanced books:

Rising 9th- 12th Graders

Pride and Prejudice or any Jane Austen book

The Spirit of Saint Louis, Charles Lindbergh

The Hound of the Baskervilles, 252 p., Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

The Count of Monte Cristo, 1400 p. (An abridged version is acceptable), Alexandre Dumas

The Three Musketeers, 560 p., Alexandre Dumas

The Scarlett Pimpernell, 320 p., Baroness Orczy

A Tale of Two Cities, 470 p., Charles Dickens

Great Expectations, 560 p., Charles Dickens

Oliver Twist, 496 p., Charles Dickens

Bleak House, Charles Dickens

Alice in Wonderland (for Logic class)

Through the Looking Glass (for Logic class)

Mr. Midshipman Hornblower, 310 p. (11 book series + a companion book of notes and maps),

C.S. Forester

All Creatures Great and Small, 437 p., James Herriot

All Things Bright and Beautiful, 437 p., James Herriot

All Things Wise and Wonderful, 437 p., James Herriot

11th & 12th Grade

The Code of the Woosters, 240 p., P.G.Wodehouse

Carry on Jeeves, 256 p., P.G.Wodehouse

The Life of Thomas More, 400 p., Peter Ackroyd

John Adams, 640 p., David McCullough

Lindbergh, 640 p., A. Scott Berg

The Scottish Chiefs, Jane Porter

A Canticle for Leibowitz, Walter M. Miller

The Screwtape Letters, C.S. Lewis

Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis

Orthodoxy, G.K. Chesterton

C.S. Lewis for the 21st Century, Peter Kreeft

Sex, Economy, Freedom, and Community, Wendell Berry

Technopoly, Neil Postman

Gone With The Wind, Margaret Mitchell

The Brothers Karamazov

Crime and Punishment

War and Peace

Anna Karenina, 853 p., Leo Tolstoy

Kristin Lavransdatter, a trilogy