

A Message to families regarding the Summer Reading List

Together we hope to make reading an exciting and integral part of your child's life. We have developed a Summer Reading List for Decatur Heritage Christian Academy to encourage reading, to keep your child's skills honed, their minds fresh, and introduce them to some great literature this summer. Students reading widely from the list will find a nice variety of titles and authors covering a myriad of genres and interest levels.

In grades K through 2, our list is comprised of **recommended** readings. With the younger children, you may choose to use some of these titles as read-alouds, and as they get older, alternate with your child as the reader. As the list is simply comprised of recommendations, you should not feel as though you must read all of the selections. Feel free to choose others that are not on the list, but we have attempted to provide you with some classics as well as some that may be unfamiliar to you, allowing you to expand your knowledge and find new favorites.

In grades 3 through 6, we have attempted to match stories that will appeal to the age of the children, as well as offering a variety of reading levels to challenge each and every child. In addition to offering these as suggestions, we are instituting a requirement portion in the upper grades. For students entering grades 3 through 6, each child will need to choose two selections from the list and read them over the summer. We ask that they not be from the same series. These two titles, chosen by the child from the list, will be a key component of the initial project in our Writing Lab in the fall semester. Two selections are the minimum requirement.

While this list is not all-inclusive, it will offer a literary introduction to both classics and new favorites. Our hope is that you would refer to it early and often as you help instill a love of reading in your child. We pray that you would find this list a blessing to your summer.

In Christ,

Shawn W. Yates
Lower School Principal
Decatur Heritage Christian Academy

This is a recommended reading list for students entering K5. Feel free to choose these as well as others to read with your child as they prepare for this exciting new school experience. Allow some time each day for reading with your child.

For students entering K5:

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom	Bill Martin, Jr.
Chicka Chicka ABC	Bill Martin, Jr.
My Many Colored Days	Dr. Seuss
Sheep in a Jeep	Nancy Shaw
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle
10 Little Rubber Ducks	Eric Carle
Corduroy	Don Freeman
Strega Nona	Tommie DePaola
Kitten's 1 st Full Moon	Kevin Henkes
Hondo and Fabian	Peter McCarty
Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak
Blueberries for Sal	Robert McCloskey
Toot and Puddle	Holly Hobbie
Curious George	H.A. Rey
Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready For Kindergarten	Joseph Slate
Max and Ruby (series)	Rosemary Wells
Mercer Mayer Little Critter Series	Mercer Mayer
Ella Sarah Gets Dressed	Margaret Chodos-Irvine
Jamberry	Bruce Degen
Goodnight Moon	Margaret Wise Brown
Harold and the Purple Crayon	Crocket Johnson
The Snowy Day	Ezra Jack Keats

Spotlight Authors:

Sandra Boynton
 Dr. Seuss
 Eric Carle
 Tommie DePaula
 Mercer Mayer

This is a recommended reading list for students entering first grade. Feel free to choose these as well as others to read with your child as they prepare for this exciting new school experience. Allow some time each day for reading, taking turns with your child.

For Students entering First Grade:

The Tale of Three Trees	Angela Hunt
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	Judith Viorst
Bedtime For Frances	Russell Hoban/Garth Williams
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?	Bill Martin/Eric Carle
Caps For Sale	Esphyr Slobodkina
If You Give A Mouse A Cookie	Laura Joffe Numeroff
The Little Engine That Could	Watty Piper
Make Way For Ducklings	Robert McCloskey
Stellaluna	Jannell Cannon
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel	Virginia Lee Burton

Classic Series:

Clifford	Norman Bridwell
Olivia	Ian Falconer
Berenstain Bears	Stan and Jan Berenstain
Franklin	Paulette Bourgeois

This is a recommended reading list for students entering second grade. Feel free to choose these as well as others to read with your child as they prepare for this exciting new school experience. Allow some time each day for reading, taking turns with your child.

For students entering Second Grade:

Stone Soup	Marcia Brown
The Story of Ferdinand	Monro Leaf
The Velveteen Rabbit	Margory Williams
Shh! We're Writing the Constitution	Jean Fritz
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown
The Giving Tree	Shel Silverstein
Is Your Mama A Llama	Deborah Guarino
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse	Kevin Henkes
Mrs. Katz and Tush	Patricia Polacco
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	William Steig

Classic Series:

Nate the Great	Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Amelia Bedelia	Peggy Parish
Young Cam Jansen	David Adler
Magic Tree House	Mary Pope Osborne

Spotlight Authors:

Dr. Seuss
Chris Van Allsburg

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For students entering Third Grade:

The BFG
Charlotte's Web
How To Eat Fried Worms
The Keeping Quilt
Miss Nelson is Missing
Mr. Popper's Penguins
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
Chocolate Fever
A Cricket in Times Square

Roald Dahl
E.B. White
Thomas Rockwell
Patricia Polacco
Harry Allard
Richard Atwater
Judy Blume
Robert Kimmel Smith
George Selden

Spotlight Author:

Jack Prelutsky (poetry)

Classic Series:

The Boxcar Children
Encyclopedia Brown
Amber Brown

Gertrude Chandler Warner
Donald Sobol
Paula Danziger

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For students entering Fourth Grade:

The Indian in the Cupboard	Lynne Reid Banks
The Mouse and the Motorcycle	Beverly Cleary
My Side of the Mountain	Jean Craighead George
Sideways Stories From Wayside School	Louis Sachar
Stuart Little	E. B. White
The Trumpet of the Swan	E. B. White
The Borrowers	Mary Norton
Where the Sidewalk Ends	Shel Silverstein
James and the Giant Peach	Roald Dahl
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl
Sing Down the Moon	Scott O'Dell
Rabbit Hill	Robert Lawson
Misty of Chincoteague	Marguerite Henry
The Family Under the Bridge	Natalie Savage Carlson

Classic Series:

The Little House	Laura Ingalls Wilder
Time Warp Trio	John Scieszka
Bunnicula	James Howe

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For students entering Fifth Grade:

Old Yeller	Fred Gipson
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm	Kate Douglas Wiggin
Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl	Anne Frank
Dear Mr. Henshaw	Beverly Cleary
The Whipping Boy	Sid Fleischman
The View From Saturday	E. L. Konigsburg
Island of the Blue Dolphins	Scott O'Dell
Number the Stars	Lois Lowry
The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett
Gregor the Overlander	Suzanne Collins
Maniac Magee	Jerry Spinelli
Martin the Warrior	Brian Jacques
The Watsons Go To Birmingham	Christopher P. Curtis
Johnny Tremain	Esther Forbes

Classic Series:

Anne of Green Gables	Lucy Maud Montgomery
A Series of Unfortunate Events	Lemony Snicket
The Adventures of Hank the Cowdog	John Erickson
Little House on the Prairie	Laura Ingalls Wilder

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For students entering Sixth Grade:

Pictures of Hollis Woods	Patricia Reilly Giff
Walk Two Moons	Sharon Creech
The Giver	Lois Lowry
The River	Gary Paulson
Wringer	Jerry Spinelli
Catherine, Called Birdy	Karen Cushman
The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien
Bud Not Buddy	Christopher Paul Curtis
Tuck Everlasting	Natalie Babbitt
Hoot	Carl Hiaasen
A Long Way From Chicago	Richard Peck
Esperanza Rising	Pam Munoz Ryan
The Sign of the Beaver	Elizabeth George Speare
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen
The Midwife's Apprentice	Karen Cushman
Tangerine	Edward Bloor
The Horse and His Boy	C.S. Lewis