

Saint Paul Catholic Classical School

PK-8 Reading List

This list is organized by grade and this ordering should serve as a guide. Teachers may choose to add other books as appropriate and related to classroom lessons or virtues with approval. Many stories can be read at other grade levels, especially when read aloud and discussed as a group. As well, teachers should encourage personal reading and family read aloud that encompasses stories from beyond one's grade level.

Grade	While this list is divided between grade levels, this is a list to choose from and some books may overlap select grade levels. At least three texts will be chosen, and if time permits, more may be added.
K (K and 1 have repeated titles for the sake of emphasis and since children love to hear a story many times.)	<i>Aesop's Fables</i> by Aesop <i>Fairy Tales</i> by Charles Perrault <i>Mouse Tales</i> by Arnold Lobel <i>Fables</i> by Arnold Lobel <i>Tales</i> by Beatrix Potter <i>Little Bear: Box Set</i> by Else Holmelund Minarik & Maurice Sendak <i>Mother Goose</i> by Kate Greenway (w/coloring book) or standard <i>Mother Goose Tales and Rhymes</i> <i>The Velveteen Rabbit</i> by Marjorie Williams <i>The Complete Tales of Winnie-the-Pooh</i> by A.A. Milne <i>Clown of God</i> by Tomie de Paola <i>Saint George and the Dragon</i> by Margaret Hodges <i>Saint Francis and the Friendly Beasts</i> by Margaret Hodges <i>Dagger</i> by Shirley Hughes (K and I)
1	<i>Aesop's Fables</i> by Aesop <i>Fairy Tales</i> by Hans Christian Anderson <i>Tales</i> of Beatrix Potter <i>The Frog and Toad</i> (Collection) by Arnold Lobel <i>The Complete Tales of Winnie-the-Pooh</i> by A.A. Milne <i>The Velveteen Rabbit</i> by Marjorie Williams <i>Little Bear Series</i> by Else Holmelund Minarik <i>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</i> <i>A Child's Garden of Verses</i> by Robert Louis Stevenson <i>Ben Franklin and the Magic Squares</i> by Frank Murphy <i>Mouse Tales</i> by Arnold Lobel <i>Fairy Tales</i> by Charles Perrault <i>Dagger</i> by Shirley Hughes (K and 1) <i>"The Selfish Giant"</i> by Oscar Wilde <i>Classic Myths to Read Aloud</i> by William F. Russell (1-4) <u>Summer Suggestions:</u> <i>Charlotte's Web</i> by E.B. White <i>American Tall Tales</i> by Mary Pope Osburn

2	<p>*<i>Charlotte's Web</i> by E.B. White</p> <p><i>Aesop's Fables</i> by Aesop</p> <p><i>Grimm's Fairy Tales</i> (Sterling Unabridged Classics) (2- 3)</p> <p><i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i> by Patricia MacLachlan</p> <p><i>Little House in the Big Woods</i> by Laura Ingalls Wilder</p> <p><i>Blue Fairy Book</i> by Andrew Lang (2-3)</p> <p><i>Tales of Greek Heroes</i> by Roger Lancelyn Green</p> <p><i>Just So Stories</i> by Rudyard Kipling</p> <p><i>Pinocchio</i> by Carlo Collodi</p> <p><i>American Tall Tales</i> by Mary Pope</p> <p><i>Peter Pan</i> by J.M. Barrie (2-3)</p> <p><i>Classic Myths to Read Aloud</i> by William F. Russell (1-4)</p> <p><u>Summer Suggestions:</u></p> <p><i>Stuart Little</i> by E.B. White</p> <p><i>The Railway Children</i> by E. Nesbit</p> <p><i>All-of-a-Kind Family</i> by Sydoey Taylor</p>
3	<p><i>Grimm's Fairy Tales</i> (Sterling Unabridged Classics) (2-3)</p> <p><i>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</i> by C.S. Lewis</p> <p><i>Five Children and It</i> by E. Nesbit</p> <p><i>Blue Fairy Book</i> by Andrew Lang (2-3)</p> <p><i>The Jungle Book</i> by Rudyard Kipling (3,4,5)</p> <p><i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i> by Lewis Carroll</p> <p><i>D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths</i> by Ingri and Edgar d'Aulaire</p> <p><i>D'Aulaire's Book of Norse Myths</i> by Ingri and Edgar d'Aulaire</p> <p><i>Little House on the Prairie</i> by Laura Ingalls Wilder</p> <p>"The Happy Prince" by Oscar Wilde</p> <p><i>Aladdin and Other Favorite Arabian Nights Stories</i> by Phillip Smith</p> <p><i>A Little Princess</i> by Frances Hodgson Burnett</p> <p><i>Classic Myths to Read Aloud</i> by William F. Russell (1-4)</p> <p><i>Stuart Little</i> by E.B. White</p> <p><i>The Trumpet of the Swan</i> by E.B. White</p> <p><i>Peter Pan</i> by J.M. Barrie (2-3)</p> <p><u>Summer Suggestions:</u></p> <p><i>Prince Caspian</i> by C.S. Lewis</p> <p><i>The Little Prince</i> by Antoine de Saint-Exupery</p> <p><i>Mary Poppins</i> by P.L. Travers</p>

4	<p> <i>The Voyage of the Dawn Treader</i> by C.S. Lewis <i>The Princess and the Goblin</i> by George MacDonald <i>The Secret Garden</i> by Frances Hodgson Burnett <i>Farmer Boy</i> by Laura Ingalls Wilder <i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i> by Scott O'Dell <i>Legend of Sleepy Hollow</i> and <i>Rip Van Winkle</i> by Washington Irving <i>The Wind in the Willows</i> by Kenneth Grahame <i>Robin Hood</i> by Howard Pyle or by Roger Lancelyn Green <i>The Story of Rolf</i> by Allen French <i>D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths</i> by Ingri and Edgar d'Aulaire <i>D'Aulaire's Book of Norse Myths</i> by Ingri and Edgar d'Aulaire <i>The Jungle Book</i> by Rudyard Kipling (3,4,5) <i>From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i> by E.L. Konigsburg <i>The Twenty-One Balloons</i> by William Perre du Bois <i>Sir Cumference Series</i> by Cindy Neuschwander <i>Classic Myths to Read Aloud</i> by William F. Russell (1-4) <i>The Indian in the Cupboard</i> by Lynne Reid Banks <i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i> by Kate DiCamillo <i>Sign of the Beaver</i> by Elizabeth George Speare </p> <p><u>Summer Suggestions:</u></p> <p> <i>The Silver Chair</i> by C.S. Lewis <i>The Light Princess</i> by George MacDonald <i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i> by Norton Juster </p>
5	<p> <i>The Horse and His Boy</i> by C.S. Lewis <i>Carry On, Mr. Buwditch</i> by Jean Lee Latham <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i> by Wilson Rawls <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> by L. Frank Baum <i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i> by Norton Juster <i>The Princess and Curdie</i> by George MacDonald <i>Nordic Gods and Heroes</i> by Padraic Colom <i>King Arthur and His Knights of The Round Table</i> by Roger Lancelyn Green <i>Sing Dawn the Moon</i> by Scott O'Dell <i>The Jungle Book</i> by Rudyard Kipling (3,4,5) <i>Johnny Tremain</i> by Esther Forbes <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> by Madeleine L'Engle <i>Joel: A Boy of Galilee</i> by Annie Fellows Johnston <i>The Great Little Madison</i> by Jean Fritz <i>Little Women</i> by Louisa May Alcott <i>Anne of Green Gables</i> by L.M. Montgomery <i>Heidi</i> by Johanna Spyri <i>Old Yeller</i> by Fred Gibson <i>Swiss Family Robinson</i> by Johann Wyss <i>Tuck Everlasting</i> by Natalie Babbitt </p> <p><u>Summer Suggestions:</u></p> <p><i>The Magician's Nephew</i> by C.S. Lewis</p>

	<p><i>Carry On, Mr. Buwditch</i> by Jean Lee Latham</p> <p><i>The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes</i> by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle</p> <p><i>Tale of Troy</i> by Padraic Colum</p>
6	<p><i>The Last Battle</i> by C.S. Lewis</p> <p><i>The Adventure of Ulysses</i> by Bernard Evslin</p> <p><i>The Book of Three</i> by Lloyd Alexander</p> <p><i>Summer of the Monkeys</i> by Wilson Rawls</p> <p><i>Tales of the Greek Heroes</i> by Roger Lancelyn Green</p> <p><i>Treasure Island</i> by Robert Louis Stevenson</p> <p><i>Nordic Gods and Heroes</i> by Padraic Colum</p> <p><i>Robinson Crusoe</i> by Daniel Defue</p> <p><i>Around the World in Eighty Days</i> by Jules Verne</p> <p><i>Adam of the Road</i> by Elizabeth Janet Gray</p> <p><i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i> by Wilson Rawls</p> <p><i>Tales of Ancient Egypt</i> by Eloise McGraw</p> <p><i>Perelandra</i> by C.S. Lewis</p> <p><i>Magician's Nephew</i> by C.S. Lewis</p> <p><i>D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths</i> by Ingri and Edgar d'Aulaire</p> <p><i>Tales from Shakespeare</i> by Charles and Mary Lamb</p> <p><i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i> by Lewis Carroll</p> <p><i>The Bronze Bow</i> by Elizabeth George Spear</p> <p><u>Summer Suggestions:</u></p> <p><i>*The Hobbit</i> by J.R.R. Tolkien</p> <p><i>The Prince and the Pauper</i> by Mark Twain</p> <p><i>The Cay</i> by Theodore Taylor</p>
7	<p><i>*The Hobbit</i> by J.R.R. Tolkien</p> <p><i>Beowulf</i> by Robert Nye or Rosemary Sutcliff</p> <p><i>*Tales from Shakespeare</i> by Charles and Mary Lamb (e.g., Comedy of Errors, Romeo and Juliet, Julius Caesar)</p> <p><i>Tom Sawyer</i> by Mark Twain</p> <p><i>Captains Courageous</i> by Rudyard Kipling</p> <p><i>Journey to the Center of the Earth</i> by Jules Verne</p> <p><i>The Call of the Wild</i> by Jack London</p> <p><i>Shane</i> by Jack Shaefur</p> <p><i>Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i> by Robert Louis Stevenson</p> <p><i>The Cay</i> by Theodore Taylor</p> <p><i>The Bronze Bow</i> by Elizabeth George Spear</p> <p>Selections from the <i>The Divine Comedy</i> by Dante</p> <p><i>Robin Hood</i> by</p> <p><i>Saint Joan: The Girl Soldier</i> by Louis de Wohl</p> <p><u>Summer Suggestions:</u></p> <p><i>The Devil's Arithmetic</i> by Jane Yolen</p> <p><i>The Pearl or The Red Pony</i> by John Steinbeck</p> <p><i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</i> by Jules Verne</p>

8	<p><i>*Lord of the Flies</i> by William Golding</p> <p><i>Animal Farm</i> by George Orwell</p> <p><i>*Tales from Shakespeare</i> (e.g., Twelfth Night, Merchant of Venice, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Much Ado About Nothing)</p> <p><i>*To Kill a Mockingbird</i> by Harper Lee</p> <p><i>A Christmas Carol</i> by Charles Dickens</p> <p><i>Huckleberry Finn</i> by Mark Twain (w/audio)</p> <p><i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i> by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle</p> <p><i>Christopher Columbus</i> by Ingri and Edgar D'Aulaire</p> <p><i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i> by Elizabeth George Speare</p> <p><i>The Crucible</i> by Arthur Miller</p> <p><i>The Scarlet Letter</i> by Nathaniel Hawthorne</p> <p><i>The Call of the Wild</i> by Jack London</p> <p><i>Little Women</i> by Louisa May Alcott</p> <p><i>The Red Badge of Courage</i> by Stephen Crane</p> <p><i>Across Five Aprils</i> by Irene Hunt</p> <p><i>Souder</i> by William Armstrong</p> <p><i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i> by Erich Maria Remarque</p>
PK	<p><i>Lives of the Saints – Illustrated History for Children</i> by Bart Tesoriero</p> <p><i>Jesus is With Me, Jesus Knows Me, and Jesus Hears Me</i> by Joni Walker</p> <p><i>Prayers for Children</i> by Eloise Wilkin</p> <p><i>Christmas in the Barn</i> by Richard Ammon</p> <p><i>Noah's Ark, Jonah & the Whale, Daniel & the Lions, David & Goliath, The Birth of Jesus, Jesus & the Disciples, Baptism of Jesus, Miracles of Jesus, The Last Supper, Easter Story</i> by Katherine Sully</p> <p><i>A Child's Book of Poems</i> by Gyo Fujikawa</p> <p><i>A Children's Treasury of Nursery Rhymes Illustrated</i> by Linda Bleck</p> <p><i>Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?, Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?, Very Busy Spider, From Head to Toe, The Grouchy Ladybug, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Little Cloud, The Mixed-Up Chameleon</i> by Eric Carle</p> <p><i>Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?, Green Eggs and Ham, Horton Hears a Who, Cat in the Hat, One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish</i> by Dr. Seuss</p> <p><i>Snowy Day, A Letter to Amy, Hi, Cat!, Whistle for Willie</i> by Ezra Jack Keats</p> <p><i>Goodnight Moon, Big Red Barn, Little Fur Family, Bunny's Noisy Book</i> by Margaret Wise Brown</p> <p><i>Corduroy</i> by Don Freeman</p> <p><i>Little Red Hen</i> by J.P. Miller</p> <p><i>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie and If You Give a Moose a Muffin</i> by Laura Joffe Numeroff</p> <p><i>Little Engine that Could</i> by Watty Piper</p> <p><i>Make Way for Ducklings</i> by Robert McCloskey</p> <p><i>Little Blue Truck</i> by Alice Schertle</p> <p><i>Goodnight Gorilla</i> by Peggy Rathmann</p> <p><i>The Tale of Peter Rabbit</i> by Beatrix Potter</p> <p><i>Each Living Thing</i> by Joanne Ryder</p> <p><i>Snowballs</i> by Lois Ehlert</p> <p><i>The Amazing Life Cycle of Butterflies</i> by Kay Barnham</p> <p><i>Getting to Know Nature's Children</i> (Volumes 1 – 29)</p>

Shakespeare texts in lower grades can be found in *Beautiful Stories from Shakespeare* by E. Nesbitt; upper grades (6-8) could first use *Tales from Shakespeare* by Charles and Mary Lamb (to become familiar with the story) and then read the standard play in editions such as the Folger series.

All grade levels incorporate poetry selections into their English and Literature Studies. A more concise list of selections will be available at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.