

Independence Classical Academy Summer Reading Lists

Upcoming Kindergarten Summer Reading List

Required Reading: Students will be required to engage in critical thinking activities upon returning to school in the fall for:

(Please read aloud to your child)

Paul Bunyan Swings His Axe, by Dell J. McCormick

Recommended Reading for the summer:

Begin reading the classic nursery rhymes and fairy tales to your child. Two titles you might look for are A Treasure of More than 300 Classic Nursery Rhymes and Mother Goose's Nursery Rhymes by Robert Frederick (please do not use the Disney version).

Annie Oakley, by Jennifer Kroll

Upcoming 1st Grade Summer Reading List

Required Reading: Students will be required to engage in a Pre-Socratic Discussion as well as complete a written response upon returning to school in the fall for:

The Tale of Benjamin Bunny, by Beatrix Potter

Recommended Reading for the summer:

Books by Beatrix Potter, such as:

- *The Tale of Tom Kitten*
- *The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck*

Books and poems by A.A. Milne, such as:

- *Winnie the Pooh*
- *Now We Are Six (poetry)*
- *When We Were Very Young (poetry)*

Any Fairy Tales or Aesop's Fables

Picture books related to: basic maps, human body, matter, electricity

Upcoming 2nd Grade Summer Reading List

Required Reading: Students will be required to engage in a Pre-Socratic Discussion as well as complete a written response upon returning to school in the fall for:

The Ugly Duckling, by Hans Christian Andersen

Recommended Reading for the summer:

Fairy tales, tall tales, folk tales of your choice
Books by Beatrix Potter
Stories by Hans Christian Andersen
Any books by Syd Hoff
Harold and the Purple Crayon, by Crockett Johnson
Make Way for Ducklings, by Robert McCloskey

Upcoming 3rd Grade Summer Reading List

Required Reading: Students will be required to engage in a Socratic Seminar Discussion as well as complete a written response upon returning to school in the fall for:

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, by Kate DeCamillo

Recommended Reading for the summer:

My Fathers Dragon, by Ruth Stiles Gannett
World According to Humphrey, by Betty Birney
The Long Winter, by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Charlotte's Web, by E. B. White
The Indian in the Cupboard, by Lynne Reid Banks

Upcoming 4th Grade Summer Reading List

Required Reading: Students will be required to engage in a Socratic Seminar Discussion as well as complete a written response upon returning to school in the fall for:

Guns for General Washington, by Seymour Reit

Recommended Reading for the summer:

The Reluctant Dragon, by Kenneth Grahame (Best as family read aloud)
Can't You Make Them Behave, King George?, by Jean Fritz
The Wonderful Flight to the Mushroom Planet, by Eleanor Cameron

Upcoming 5th Grade Summer Reading List

Required Reading: Students will be required to engage in a Socratic Seminar Discussion as well as complete a written response upon returning to school in the fall for:

Mr. Lincoln's Drummer, by G. Clifton Wisler

Recommended Reading for the summer:

Snow Treasure, by Marie McSwigan
Number the Stars, by Lois Lowry
Bud No Buddy, by Christopher Paul Curtis
Prince Caspian, by C.S. Lewis

Upcoming 6th Grade Summer Reading List

Required Reading: Students will be required to engage in a Socratic Seminar Discussion as well as complete a written response upon returning to school in the fall for:

City of Ember, by Jeanne Duprau

Recommended Reading for the summer:

Tuck Everlasting, by Natalie Babbitt
Call it Courage, by Armstrong Sperry
The Cay, by Theodore Taylor
Mossflower, by Brian Jacques (or other in series)
Black Beauty, by Anna Sewell
Anne of Green Gables, by Lucy Maude Montgomery

Upcoming 7th Grade Summer Reading List

Required Reading: Students will be required to engage in a Socratic Seminar Discussion as well as complete a written response upon returning to school in the fall for:

Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry, by Mildred Taylor

Recommended Reading for the summer:

Soldier Boys, by Dean Hughes (WW II)
Night to Remember, by Walter Lord (Titanic)
The Green Glass Sea, by Ellen Klages (Manhattan Project)
Fire from the Rock, by Sharon Draper (Little Rock Nine)
Al Capone Does My Shirts, by Gennifer Choldenko (Alcatraz)
For Freedom: The Story of a French Spy, by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (WW II)
The Eyes of the Emperor, by Graham Salisbury (WW II)
New Boy, by Julian Houston (Civil Rights)
Waiting for the Rain, by Sheila Gordon (Apartheid)
My Brother, My Sister, and I, by Yoko Kawashima Watkins (Post-WW II Japan)

Upcoming 8th Grade Summer Reading List

Required Reading: Students will be required to engage in a Socratic Seminar Discussion as well as complete a written response upon returning to school in the fall for:

Treasure Island, by Robert Lewis Stevenson

Recommended Reading for the summer:

Kon Tiki, by Thor Heyerdahl

Watsons go to Birmingham, by Christopher Paul Curtis

Life with Jeeves or Enter Jeeves, by P.G. Wodehouse

Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie, by Allen Bradley