

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)

Johnny Appleseed by Steven Kellogg

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

Paul Bunyan Swings His Axe, by Dell J. McCormick

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 Peter Rabbit by: Beatrix Potter

Recommended Reading for the summer:

Bob Books

Dr. Seuss Books
Frog and Toad Books

Little Bear Books

Magic Tree House

Other great titles:

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:

My Fathers Dragon, by Ruth Stiles Gannett

The Indian in the Cupboard, by Lynne Reid Banks

Recommended Reading for the summer:

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, by Kate DeCamillo

World According to Humphrey, by Betty Birney

The Long Winter, by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Charlotte's Web, by E. B. White

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

The Reluctant Dragon, by Kenneth Grahame (Best as family read aloud)

Recommended Reading for the summer:

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:

Bud Not Buddy, by Christopher Paul Curtis
Snow Treasure, by Marie McSwigan

Recommended Reading for the summer:

Mr. Lincoln's Drummer, by G. Clifton Wisler
Number the Stars, by Lois Lowry
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:

Call it Courage, by Armstrong Sperry
Black Beauty, by Anna Sewell

Recommended Reading for the summer:

City of Ember, by Jeanne Duprau
Tuck Everlasting, by Natalie Babbitt
The Cay, by Theodore Taylor
Mossflower, by Brian Jacques (or other in series)
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:

Night to Remember, by Walter Lord (Titanic)
For Freedom: The Story of a French Spy, by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (WW II)

Recommended Reading for the summer:

Soldier Boys, by Dean Hughes (WW II)
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)
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)

Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry, by Mildred Taylor

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

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

Recommended Reading for the summer:

Kon Tiki, by Thor Heyerdahl

Watsons go to Birmingham, by Christopher Paul Curtis

Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie, by Allen Bradley