

Covenant Classical School Summer Reading Program  
SUMMER 2021

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Each summer students at CCS are required to participate in the summer reading program. The purpose of the program is to augment the curriculum, expose students to quality literature and cultivate a love of reading. All students are required to complete their respective reading assignment. Reading assignments are listed below, including the ISBN of recommended editions.

Incoming 1<sup>st</sup> grade: *We do not expect reading fluency at this point. Your young reader may require some assistance as they decode words, which is to be expected after the kindergarten year. Consider helping your child read through any number of books selected from the CCS Book Recommendations List while focusing particularly on his/her development of decoding skills.*

Incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Read *Beginner's Bible* published by Zondervan (ISBN-10: 0310709628).  
Read *Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile* by Tomie DePaola (ISBN-10: 0698114019).  
Read one additional book selected from the CCS Book Recommendations List.

Incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Read *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White (ISBN-10: 0064400557).  
Read *Adventures of the Greek Heroes* by Anne M. Wiseman & Mollie McLean (ISBN-10: 0395137144).  
Read one additional book selected from the CCS Book Recommendations List.

Incoming 4<sup>th</sup> grade: Read *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George (ISBN-10: 0140348107).  
Read *The Trumpet of the Swan* by E.B. White (ISBN-10: 0064410943).  
Read one additional book selected from the CCS Book Recommendations List.

Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade: Read *The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare (ISBN-10: 9780547577111).  
Read *Amos Fortune* by Elizabeth Yates (ISBN-10: 0140341587).  
Read one additional book selected from the CCS Book Recommendations List.

Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Read *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain (ISBN-10: 0486400778).  
Read *Colloquium Personarum*, Chapters 1-8 by Hans H. Orberg (ISBN-10: 1585101567).\*  
Read one additional book selected from the CCS Book Recommendations List.

Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade: Read the books of *Genesis* and *Exodus* from the Bible (ESV translation preferred).  
Read *Colloquium Personarum*, Chapters 9-16 by Hans H. Orberg (ISBN-10: 1585101567).\*  
Read one additional book selected from the CCS Book Recommendations List.

Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Read *Mythology* by Edith Hamilton (ISBN-10: 0446574759).+  
Read *Colloquium Personarum*, Chapters 17-24 by Hans H. Orberg (ISBN-10: 1585101567).\*  
Read one additional book selected from the CCS Book Recommendations List.

Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade: Read *Beowulf* translated by Seamus Heany (ISBN: 978-0393320978).  
Read one additional book selected from the CCS Book Recommendations List.

Incoming 10<sup>th</sup> grade: Read *Doctor Faustus* by Christopher Marlowe (ISBN: 978-048628208).  
Read one additional book selected from the CCS Book Recommendations List.

Incoming 11<sup>th</sup> grade: Read *1984* by George Orwell (ISBN: 978-0451524935).  
Read one additional book selected from the CCS Book Recommendations List.

Incoming 12<sup>th</sup> grade: Read *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee (ISBN: 978-0446310789).  
Read the selected short stories from *The Complete Stories* by Flannery O'Connor (ISBN: 978-0374515362): "A Good Man is Hard to Find," "Good Country People," "Revelation," "Parker's Back" as well as two other short stories of your choosing in the compilation.

\**Colloquium Personarum* is an assignment for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The assigned reading should only take 5-10 minutes per week. This is only a reading, not a translation activity.

+ *Mythology* will be purchased by the school and distributed to students before the summer break. The book will be referenced all year in 8<sup>th</sup> grade Literature class.

**For incoming Kindergarten students:**

Family read aloud book recommendations:

Carlson, Nancy – *Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come* (ISBN-10: 0140568387)  
Graham, Oakley – *I Can Tie My Own Shoelaces* (ISBN-10: 1782448241)  
McGhee, Alison – *Countdown to Kindergarten* (ISBN-10: 015205586X)  
Penn, Audrey – *The Kissing Hand* (ISBN-10: 1933718102)  
Wing, Natasha – *The Night Before Kindergarten* (ISBN-10: 0448425009)

**For incoming 1<sup>st</sup> grade students:**

We do not expect reading fluency at this point. Your young reader may require some assistance as they decode words, which is to be expected after the kindergarten year. Consider helping your child read through any number of books selected from the authors/series listed below while focusing particularly on his/her development of decoding skills. Choose books at your child's reading level so they do not become discouraged. Higher-level books are great for parents or older siblings to read to your rising first grader.

Advanced Level Bob Books

Green Light Readers

I Can Read Books

Puffin Easy-to-Read

Step into Reading

Dick and Jane Books

Dr. Seuss Early Readers

P.D. Eastman Early Readers

Munro Leaf Classics

Read-It! Readers

Hoban, Russell – *Frances (Series)*

Lobel, Arnold – *Frog and Toad (Series)*

Minarik, Else Holmelund – *Little Bear (Series)*

Rylant, Cynthia – *Mr. Putter and Tabby (Series)*

Rylant, Cynthia – *Henry and Mudge (Series)*

Family read aloud book recommendations:

Leithart, Peter J. – *Wise Words: Family Stories that Bring Proverbs to Life* (ISBN-10: 1591280141)

Offen, Hilda – *A Treasury of Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes* (ISBN-10: 0671501186)

**For incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students:**

Averill, Esther – *Jenny the Cat Club (Series)*

Byars, Betsy – *The Golly Sisters (Series)*

Clearly, Beverly – *Henry Huggins (Series)*

Dagleish, Alice – *The Courage of Sarah Noble*

Levinson, Smiler – *Snowshoe Thompson*

Lobel, Arnold – *Days with Frog and Toad (Series)*

Karon, Jan – *Jeremy: The Tale of an Honest Bunny*

McCloskey, Robert – *Homer Price (Series)*

Parish, Peggy – *Amelia Bedelia (Series)*

Rylant, Cynthia – *The High-Rise Private Eyes (Series)*

Sharmat, Marjorie Weiman – *Nate the Great (Series)*

Stevens, Janet and Susan Stevens Crummel – *And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon*

**For incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students:**

Banks, Lynne – *The Indian in the Cupboard*

Bulla, Clyde R. – *Riding the Pony Express*

Bulla, Clyde R. – *Shoeshine Girl*

Cleary, Beverly – *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*

Cleary, Beverly – *Henry Huggins (Series)*  
Cleary, Beverly – *Ramona (Series)*  
Enright, Elizabeth – *The Saturdays*  
Enright, Elizabeth – *Thimble Summer*  
Estes, Eleanor – *Ginger Pye*  
Estes, Eleanor – *The Moffats*  
Grahame, Kenneth – *The Wind in the Willows*  
Haywood, Carolyn – *B is for Betsy (Series)*  
Henry, Marguerite – *Misty of Chincoteague (Series)*  
Kipling, Rudyard – *Just So Stories*  
Lanski, Lois – *Strawberry Girl*  
Lovelace, Maude Hart – *Betsy Tacy (Series)*  
McCloskey, Robert – *Homer Price (Series)*  
Silverstein, Shel – *Where the Sidewalk Ends*  
Sobol, Donald J. – *Encyclopedia Brown (Series)*  
Stewart, Trenton Lee – *Mysterious Benedict Society (Series)*  
Warner, Gertrude Chandler – *The Boxcar Children (Series)*  
Wilder, Laura Ingalls – *Little House on the Prairie (Series)*

**For incoming 4<sup>th</sup> grade students:**

Burnett, Frances Hodges – *Little Lord Fauntleroy*  
Dixon, Franklin – *The Hardy Boys (Series)*  
Fleischman, Sid – *The Whipping Boy*  
Jacques, Brian – *Redwall (Series)*  
Keene, Carolyn – *The Nancy Drew Mystery Stories (Series)*  
Kipling, Rudyard – *The Jungle Book*  
Lewis, C.S. – *A Horse and His Boy*  
Little, Jean – *Mine for Keeps*  
Lofting, Hugh – *Dr. Doolittle (Series)*  
MacDonald, George – *The Princess and the Goblin*  
Montgomery, L. M. – *Anne of Green Gables (Series)*  
Nesbit, Edith – *Five Children and It*  
Norton, Mary – *The Borrowers (Series)*  
Porter, Eleanor – *Just David*  
St. John, Patricia – *Treasures of the Snow*  
Vernon, Louise – *The Beggar's Bible*

**For incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade students:**

Anderson, Laurie Halse – *Chains*  
Anderson, Laurie Halse – *Forge*  
Anderson, Laurie Halse – *Ashes*  
Benge, Janet and Geoff – *Christian Heroes: Then and Now (Series)*  
Burnett, Frances Hodgson – *The Little Princess*  
Burnett, Frances Hodgson – *The Lost Prince*  
Lewis, C.S. – *Prince Caspian*  
MacDonald, George – *The Light Princess*  
O'Dell, Scott – *Island of the Blue Dolphins*  
O'Dell, Scott – *Sarah Bishop*  
Porter, Eleanor H. – *Pollyanna*  
Rawls, Wilson – *Summer of the Monkeys*  
Spyri, Johanna – *Heidi*  
Stevenson, Robert Louis – *Kidnapped*  
Wyss, Johan – *Swiss Family Robinson*

**For incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students:**

Alcott, Louisa May – *Little Women*  
Christie, Agatha – *And Then There Were None*  
Curtis, Christopher Paul – *The Watson's Go to Birmingham*  
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle – *The Hound of Baskervilles*

Field, Rachel – *Hitty*  
Finley, Martha – *Life of Faith (Series)*  
Gilbert, Henry – *Robin Hood*  
Henty, G. A. – *The Boy Knight; Among Malay Pirates; Freedom's Cause; et. al.*  
Bitton-Jackson, Livia – *I Have Lived a Thousand Years*  
Kipling, Rudyard – *The Jungle Book*  
Lewis, C.S. – *The Silver Chair*  
Lewis, C.S. – *The Last Battle*  
London, Jack – *Call of the Wild*  
London, Jack – *White Fang*  
Montgomery, L.M. – *Anne of Green Gables*  
O'Dell, Scott – *The King's Fifth*  
Paterson, Katherine – *Bridge to Terabithia*  
Raskin, Ellen – *The Westing Game*  
Rawls, Wilson – *Where the Red Fern Grows*  
Swift, Jonathan – *Gulliver's Travels*  
Tolkien, J.R.R. – *The Fellowship of the Ring*  
Twain, Mark – *The Prince and the Pauper*  
Twain, Mark – *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*  
Verne, Jules – *Around the World in Eighty Days*  
Verne, Jules – *From Earth to Moon*  
Verne, Jules – *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*  
Wyss, Johann – *Swiss Family Robinson*  
Sutcliffe, Rosemary – *Eagle of the Ninth*

**For incoming 7<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students:**

Adams, Richard – *Watership Down*  
Armstrong, William – *Souder*  
Avi – *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*  
Card, Orson Scott – *Ender's Game*  
Carroll, Lewis – *Alice in Wonderland*  
Carroll, Lewis – *Through the Looking Glass*  
Cather, Willa – *O Pioneers!*  
Chesterton, G. K. – *Father Brown, The Essential Tales*  
Christie, Agatha – *Death on the Nile*  
Crane, Stephen – *The Red Badge of Courage*  
Douglas, Lloyd C. – *The Robe*  
Eliot, George – *Middlemarch*  
Eliot, George – *Silas Marner*  
Frank, Anne – *Diary of a Young Girl*  
Goldman, William – *The Princess Bride*  
Gunther, John – *Death Be Not Proud*  
Henty, G. A. – *Winning His Spurs*  
Herbert, Frank – *Dune*  
Hurnard, Hannah – *Hinds' Feet on High Places*  
Juster, Norton – *The Phantom Tollbooth*  
Lewis, C. S. – *Out of the Silent Planet (Space Trilogy)*  
Lewis, C. S. – *Screwtape Letters*  
Kane, Ben – *The Silver Eagle*  
Keyes, Daniel – *Flowers for Algernon*  
Kipling, Rudyard – *The Jungle Book*  
Kipling, Rudyard – *Kim*  
Montgomery, L. M. – *Anne of Green Gables*  
O'Dell, Scott – *Island of the Blue Dolphins*  
Pyle, Howard – *Otto of the Silver Hand*  
Sayers, Dorothy – *Whose Body? (Lord Peter Wimsey Series)*  
Stevenson, Robert Louis – *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*  
Stevenson, Robert Louis – *Kidnapped*  
Sutcliffe, Rosemary – *Eagle of the Ninth*  
Twain, Mark – *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*  
Twain, Mark – *The Prince and the Pauper*

Twain, Mark – *Pudd'nhead Wilson*  
Tolkien, J. R. R. – *Fellowship of the Ring*  
Tolkien, J. R. R. – *The Two Towers*  
Tolkien, J. R. R. – *The Return of the King*  
Verne, Jules – *Around the World in Eighty Days*  
Verne, Jules – *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*  
Wodehouse, P. G. – *Carry on Jeeves*  
Wodehouse, P. G. – *The Inimitable Jeeves*  
Wodehouse, P. G. – *Very Good, Jeeves!*  
Wyss, Johann David – *The Swiss Family Robinson*

**For incoming 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students:**

Abbott, Edwin – *Flatland*  
Austen, Jane – *Emma*  
Austen, Jane – *Persuasion*  
Austen, Jane – *Sense and Sensibility*  
Boccaccio – *The Decameron*  
Bolt, Robert – *A Man for All Seasons*  
Bradbury, Ray – *Dandelion Wine*  
Bradbury, Ray – *Fahrenheit 451*  
Brontë, Charlotte – *Jane Eyre*  
Brontë, Emily – *Wuthering Heights*  
Bunyan, John – *Pilgrim's Progress*  
Chesterton, G. K. – *The Man Who Was Thursday*  
Clarke, Arthur C. – *2001: A Space Odyssey*  
Cooper, James Fenimore – *Last of the Mohicans*  
Dickens, Charles – *Great Expectations*  
Dickens, Charles – *Hard Times*  
Dickens, Charles – *Oliver Twist*  
Dinesen, Isak – *Out of Africa*  
Dostoevsky, Fyodor – *The Brothers Karamazov*  
Dostoevsky, Fyodor – *The Idiot*  
Dumas, Alexander – *The Count of Monte Cristo*  
Dumas, Alexander – *The Three Musketeers*  
Eliot, T. S. – *Murder in the Cathedral*  
Ellison, Ralph – *The Invisible Man*  
Faulkner, William – *The Reivers*  
Faulkner, William – *The Unvanquished*  
Flaubert, Gustave – *Madame Bovary*  
Forster, E. M. – *A Passage to India*  
Gaarder, Jostein – *Sophie's World*  
Hardy, Thomas – *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*  
Harris, Joel Chandler – *The Complete Tales of Uncle Remus*  
Hemingway, Ernest – *A Farewell to Arms*  
Hemingway, Ernest – *For Whom the Bell Tolls*  
Hudson, W. H. – *Green Mansions*  
Hugo, Victor – *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*  
Hugo, Victor – *Les Misérables*  
James, Henry – *The Portrait of a Lady*  
James, Henry – *The Turn of the Screw*  
Knowles, John – *A Separate Peace*  
Lewis, Sinclair – *Babbitt*  
MacDonald, George – *Phantastes*  
McPherson, James M. – *Battle Cry Freedom*  
Melville, Herman – *Billy Budd*

Melville, Herman – *Moby Dick*  
Mitchell, Margaret – *Gone with the Wind*  
More, Sir Thomas – *Utopia*  
Orwell, George – *Animal Farm*  
Orwell, George – *Homage to Catalonia*  
Pasternak, Boris – *Dr. Zhivago*  
Paton, Alan – *Cry the Beloved Country*  
Porter, William Sidney – *The Best Short Stories of O. Henry*  
Potok, Chaim - *The Chosen*  
Rand, Ayn – *We the Living*  
Shaara, Michael – *The Killer Angels*  
Scott, Sir Walter – *Ivanhoe*  
Shakespeare, William – *A Midsummer Night's Dream*  
Shakespeare, William – *Romeo and Juliet*  
Shakespeare, William – *Twelfth Night*  
Shakespeare, William – *Hamlet*  
Sinclair, Upton – *The Jungle*  
Steinbeck, John – *The Grapes of Wrath*  
Steinbeck, John – *The Pearl*  
Stowe, Harriet Beecher – *Uncle Tom's Cabin*  
Swift, Jonathan – *Gulliver's Travels*  
Tan, Amy – *The Joy Luck Club*  
Thoreau, Henry David – *Walden*  
Thurber, James – *The Thurber Carnival*  
Tolstoy, Leo – *Anna Karenina*  
Tolstoy, Leo – *The Death of Ivan Ilych*  
Tolstoy, Leo – *War and Peace*  
Turgenev, Ivan – *Sketches from a Hunter's Album*  
Wells, H. G. – *The Time Machine*  
Wilde, Oscar – *The Picture of Dorian Gray*  
Woolf, Virginia – *To the Lighthouse*  
Wright, Richard – *Native Son*