

Covenant Day School 2010 - Summer Reading for RISING FIRST GRADERS

Dear Parents,

In order to maintain acquired reading skills, CDS has a regular summer reading program for all our students. For rising first graders, one of the best things you can do for your child is read to him/her every day. Families that read together have many special memories and bonding experiences. Doing this will ease your child's transition to first grade. The key is to enjoy great literature and enjoy it often!

Many books are available. The following are some series books and authors that you and your child would enjoy because of the predictable text and heart warming characters:

Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant

Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish

The Arthur Books by Marc Brown

Little Bear Books by Else Holmelund Minarik

Any books by Arnold Lobel, Lillian Hoban, Syd Hoff, or James Marshall

You might also ask your local librarian for the award-winning Caldecott books. Many libraries shelve these books in a special section.

At CDS we also highly recommend the Gallery Book award winners. The list below contains the Gallery Book winners from recent years. These are not only beautifully illustrated, but have been chosen because of their rich story content.

1. Buddy: The Story of Buddy Holly, by Anne Bustard & illus. by Kurt Cyrus
2. Don't Call Me Pig! A Javelina Story, by Conrad J. Storad & illus. by Beth Neely & Don Rantz
3. Ella the Elegant Elephant, by Carmella & Steven D'Amico
4. Lost in the Woods: A Photographic Fantasy, by Carl R. Sams II & Jean Stoick
5. Our Nest, by Reeve Lindbergh & illus. by Jill McElmurry
6. Rockwell: A Boy and His Dog, by Loren Spiotta-DiMare & illus. by Cliff Miller
7. She'll Be Comin' 'Round the Mountain, by Philemon Sturges & illus. by Ashley Wolff
8. A Sock Is a Pocket for Your Toes: A Pocket Book, by Elizabeth Garton Scanlon & illus. by Robin Preiss Glasser
9. Someday Is Not a Day of the Week, by Denise Brennan-Nelson & illus. by Kevin O'Malley
10. When You Were Born, by Dianna Hutts Aston & illus. by E. B. Lewis
11. Always and Forever, by Alan Durant & illus. by Debi Gliori
12. Anna the Bookbinder, by Andrea Cheng & illus. by Ted Rand
13. Black All Around, by Patricia Hubbell & illus. by Don Tate
14. Goldie and the Three Bears, by Diane Stanley
15. The Magical Garden of Claude Monet, by Laurence Anholt

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16. *Mama Played Baseball*, by David A. Adler
17. *The Perfect Thanksgiving*, by Eileen Spinelli & illus. by Joann Adinolfi
18. *Snuggle Mountain*, by Lindsay Lane & illus. by Melissa Iwai
19. *When the Moon is High*, by Alice Schertle, & illus. by Julia Noonan
20. *Where's God?* by Laura Schlessinger & illus. by Daniel McFeeley
21. *America is...*, by Louise Borden & illus. by Stacey Schuett
22. *Can You Hear A Rainbow?*, by Jamee Riggio Heelan & illus. by Nicola Simmonds
23. *Eaglet's World*, by Evelyn Minshull & illus. by Andrea Gabriel
24. *Hey, Daddy! Animal Fathers and Their Babies*, by Mary Batten & illus. by Higgins Bond
25. *Jam & Jelly* by Holly & Nellie, by Gloria Whelan & illus. by Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen
26. *Louisa May & Mr. Thoreau's Flute*, by Julie Dunlap & Marybeth Lorbiecki & illus. by Mary Azarian
27. *Noah's Ark*, by Jerry Pinkney
28. *The Sea Chest*, by Toni Buzzeo & illus. by Mary GrandPre
29. *Summer Sun Risin'*, by W. Nikola-Lisa & illus. by Don Tate
30. *Water Hole Waiting*, by Jane Kurtz & Christopher Kurtz & illus. by Lee Christiansen
31. *The Best Time of Day*, by Eileen Spinelli & illus. by Bryan Langdo.
32. *Dairy of a Spider*, by Doreen Cronin & illus. by Harry Bliss.
33. *Don't Ever Cross that Road: an Armadillo Story*, by Conrad J. Storad & illus. by Nathaniel P. Jensen.
34. *Imagine a Day*, by Sarah. L. Thompson & illus. by Rob Gonsalves.
35. *Leaf Man*, by Lois Ehlert.
36. *Merry Christmas, Merry Crow*, by Kathi Appelt & illus by Jon Goodell.
37. *The Milkman*, by Carol Foscett Cordsen & illus. by Douglas B. Jones.
38. *Nora's Ark*, By Natalie Kinsey-Warnock & illus. by Emily Arnold McCully.
39. *Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburg Pirates*, by Jonah Winter & illus. by Raul Colon.
40. *Two Dogs Swimming*, by Lynn Reiser.

Covenant Day School 2010 - Summer Reading List for RISING SECOND GRADERS

Directions from Second Grade Teachers:

Requirement: Each Student must read 2 books of his/her choice from either of the lists of authors below.

Adler, David (Cam Jansen series)
Burgess, Thornton (Adventures of Buster Bear series)
Cohen, Miriam
Cooney, Barbara
Lewis, Beverly (Cul de Sac Kids series)
Murphy, Elspeth (3 Cousins Detective Club series)
Osborne, Mary Pope (Magic Tree House series)
Park, Barbara (Junie B. Jones series)
Yolen, Jane (Commander Toad series)

* Enrichment level books:

*Christopher, Matt (Centerfield Ball Hawk series)
*Cleary, Beverly (Ramona series)
*Giff, Patricia Reilly (Polk Street series)
*Warner, Gertrude Chandler (Box Car series)

Parents: Please remember that it is important for your child to feel successful and enjoy reading. An easy guide for selecting books at an appropriate reading level for independent reading is to pick books with no more than 5 words per page that your child does not understand.

From the school supply list for 2nd graders:

Children's Bible: English Standard Version (ISBN# 9781581348927)

Covenant Day School 2010 - Summer Reading List for RISING THIRD GRADERS

Directions from Third Grade Teachers:

Rising 3rd graders are to read 2 books from the following list over the summer. Each student will complete a book report on one of the BOOKS DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL in the fall.

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| Harry the Poisonous Centipede | Lynne Reid Banks |
| The Mouse and the Motorcycle | Beverly Cleary |
| Ralph S Mouse | Beverly Cleary |
| Runaway Ralph | Beverly Cleary |
| Henry Huggins | Beverly Cleary |
| Henry and the Paper Route | Beverly Cleary |
| Charlotte's Web | E. B. White |
| The Moffats | Eleanor Estes |
| Meet the Austins | Madeleine L'Engle |
| All-of-a-Kind Family | Sydney Taylor |
| Betsy-Tacy | Maud Hart Lovelace |
| Stone Fox | John Reynolds Gardiner |

Or any book from one of the series below:

Childhood of Famous Americans series

Trailblazer series

My America series

A To Z Mysteries series

Ron Roy

The Little House on the Prairie series

Laura Ingalls Wilder

(Note: *Little House in the Big Woods* was read in 2nd grade.)

The Littles series

John Peterson

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From the school supply list for 3rd graders:

Children's Bible: English Standard Version (ISBN# 9781581348927)

Recommended from Friends of the Library for next year's Crown Reading Program:

Covenant Day School 2010 - Summer Reading List for RISING FOURTH GRADERS

Directions from Fourth Grade Teachers:

Students are required to read:

Trumpet of the Swan by E. B. White

Students in fourth grade are to choose one additional book to read. The following list may be used as a guide, but students are not restricted to it. Many of these books are classics and good reading material for fourth grade:

List of Recommended Books:

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| Mandy | Julie Andrews Edwards |
| Blue Willow | Doris Gates |
| Incredible Journey | Shiela Burnford |
| Owls in the Family | Farley Mowat |
| The Wizard of Oz | L. Frank Baum |
| Indian in the Cupboard | Lynn Reid Banks |
| The Book of Three | Lloyd Alexander |
| Caddie Woodlawn | Carol Ryrie Brink |
| Lassie, Come Home | Eric Knight |
| Heidi | Johanna Spyri |
| Big Red | Jim Kjelgaard |
| Secret Garden | Frances Burnett |
| The Little Princess | Frances Burnett |
| Souder | William H. Armstrong |
| Sign of the Beaver | Elisabeth George Speare |
| Timothy of the Cay | Theodore Taylor |
| A Jar of Dreams | Yoshiko Uchida |
| Snow Dog | Jim Kjelgaard |
| Banner in the Sky | James Ramsey Ulman |
| White Fang | Jack London |
| Call of the Wild | Jack London |
| The Borrowers | Mary Norton |
| The Invention of Hugo Cabret | Brian Selznick |
| The Good Dog | Avi |
| Poppy | Avi |
| Because of Winn Dixie | Kate Di Camillo |
| The Tale of Despereaux | Kate Di Camillo |
| The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane | Kate Di Camillo |

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My Side of the Mountain
Snow Treasure
Maniac McGee
Shiloh
Lily's Crossing
Sarah Plain and Tall
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Mimh
Summer of the Swans
A Cricket in Times Square
The Hundred Dresses
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator
James and the Giant Peach
From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs Basil E. Frankweiler
Sideways Stories from Wayside School
Thunder from the Sea
Danger Along the Ohio
How to Eat Fried Worms
Chocolate Fever
Binnicula
The Great Brain

Jean Craighead George
Marie McSwigan
Jerry Spinelli
Phyllis Naylor
Patricia Reilly Giff
Patricia MacLachlan
Robert O'Brien
Betsy Byars
George Selden
Eleanor Estes
Judy Blume
Roald Dahl
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E. L. Konigsburg
Louis Sachar
Joan Harlow
Patricia Willis
Thomas Rockwell
Robert Kimmel Smith
Deborah Howe
John Fitzgerald

Excellent authors include:

Samuel Clements

Kate DiCamillo

Peg Kehret

Hardy Boys series by Franklin Dixon

Nancy Drew series by Carolyn Keen

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From the school supply list for rising 4th grade:

Children's Bible: English Standard Version (ISBN# 9781581348927)

(Students will use this same edition in fifth grade.)

Recommended from Friends of the Library for next year's Crown Reading Program:

Covenant Day School 2010 - Summer Reading List for RISING FIFTH GRADERS

Directions from Fifth Grade Teachers:

Students are required to read or re-read: *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, by C.S. Lewis

****Note:** 5th graders will read the entire Chronicles of Narnia set throughout the school year as part of their reading curriculum, but the teachers ask that you DO NOT READ AHEAD until assigned in class. (B&N will have the whole set available in book form and on CD's for optional purchase for students to have at home.)

Returning Students in fifth grade are to choose one additional book to read during the summer. You may choose from the following list of recommended books or authors, but you are not restricted to this list only.

New students to fifth grade at CDS should read *The Magician's Nephew*, by CS Lewis as their second book selection. This book was read by all CDS four graders and will be referenced during their fifth grade study of the chronicles.

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| Caddie Woodlawn | Carol Ryrie Brink |
| Swiss Family Robinson | Johann David Wyss |
| Little Women | Louisa May Alcott |
| Lassie, Come Home | Eric Knight |
| Heidi | Johanna Spyri |
| Big Red | Jim Kjelgaard |
| A Wrinkle in Time | Madeline L'Engle |
| Secret Garden | Frances Burnett |
| The Little Princess | Frances Burnett |
| Souder | William H. Armstrong |
| Bridge to Terabithia | Katherine Paterson |
| Sign of the Beaver | Elisabeth George Speare |
| Old Yeller | Fred Gipson |
| Timothy of the Cay | Theodore Taylor |
| A Jar of Dreams | Yoshiko Uchida |
| Snow Dog | Jim Kjelgaard |
| Banner in the Sky | James Ramsey Ulman |

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| White Fang | Jack London |
| Call of the Wild | Jack London |
| Tuck Everlasting | Natalie Babbitt |
| The Borrowers | Mary Norton |
| Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry | Mildred Taylor |
| Holes | Louis Sachar |
| 21 Balloons | William DuBois |
| The Good Dog | Avi |
| Poppy | Avi |
| Because of Winn Dixie | Kate Di Camillo |
| The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane | Kate Di Camillo |
| My Side of the Mountain | Jean Craighead George |
| Snow Treasure | Marie McSwigan |
| Maniac McGee | Jerry Spinelli |
| Shiloh | Phyllis Naylor |
| Bud, Not Buddy | Christopher Curtis |
| Frindle | Andrew Clements |
| Hoot | Carl Hiaasen |
| Summer of the Monkeys | Betsy Byars |
| White Water | P. J. Peterson |
| Gregor the Overlander | Suzanne Collins |
| View from Saturday | E. L. Konisburg |
| Seward Born | Lea Wait |

Recommended Authors: Ronald Dahl Samuel Clements Kate DiCamillo Patricia Kehert
 Hardy Boys series by Franklin Dixon
 Nancy Drew series by Carolyn Keen
 Trailblazer series by Dave Jackson

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Children's Bible: English Standard Version (ISBN# 9781581348927)
The American Heritage High School Dictionary, Fourth Edition

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