

# Covenant Day School 2009 - 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 predicable 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 2009 - 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)

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**From the school supply list for 2nd graders:**

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

# Covenant Day School 2009 - 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.

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:**

*Edward's Eyes*, by Patricia MacLachlan

*Summerhouse Time*, by Eileen Spinelli

# Covenant Day School 2009 - 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:

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:**

*The Aurora County All-Stars*, by Deborah Wiles

*Paint the Wind*, by Pam Munoz Ryan

# Covenant Day School 2009 - 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.

List of Recommended Books:

Mandy	Julie Andrews Edwards
Blue Willow	Doris Gates
Incredible Journey	Shiela Burnford
Owls in the Family	Farley Mowat
The Book of Three	Lloyd Alexander
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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**From the school supply list for rising 5th grade:**

*English Standard Version: Deluxe Reference Bible* (ISBN 978-158-134-3168)

This is the same version that students will use in the middle school.

*The American Heritage High School Dictionary, Fourth Edition*

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

*The Aurora County All-Stars*, by Deborah Wiles

*Paint the Wind*, by Pam Munoz Ryan