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GOOD FOUNDATIONS ACADEMY READING AND LITERACY POLICY

PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

The development of literacy is one of the primary aims and focuses of effort at GFA. This includes a great deal of reading from a variety of both fiction and non-fiction primary literature. Particularly in the early grades, GFA emphasizes reading and more reading.

Most American schools dedicate two or more hours each day to “literacy.” A majority of time is spent teaching children the fundamentals of reading strategies, such as making inferences, predicting, classifying, and looking for the main idea. The purpose of these exercises is to bolster test scores, independent of real knowledge. In contrast, GFA strives to develop the appreciation of language, increase specific knowledge, and provide meaning to students through the achievement of Primary Literacy, Mature Literacy, and Moral Literacy.

Primary Literacy

Primary Literacy begins with phonic recognition. Our goal in the early grades is for students to receive explicit, systematic phonemic awareness and phonics instruction. Children are provided deliberate, coherent, direct instruction in letter-sound correspondences. Practices which teach children to rely on word-memorization (the look-say method) and guessing (through illustration and/or context) are avoided.

Once phonetic decoding skills are introduced, fluency must be developed. Fluency allows students to focus their mental energies on comprehension rather than decoding. Fluency means “flowing,” and in this context it also means “fast.” **Fluency takes practice - a lot of it.** Riggs & Open Court Phonics, selected stories from Open Court, and selected books from Accelerated Reader (AR) are the primary sources for the development of decoding skills and fluency at GFA.

Teachers should use discretion and select Open Court stories and AR books which are content-based and meet the principles of this policy and the Literature Acquisition policy to the greatest extent possible. Child-centered stories and books of a trivial nature (see Mature Literacy below) should be avoided. If a teacher is uncertain as to the appropriateness of a particular book or story, he/she should consult the Headmaster and/or Reading and Literacy Team. AR books (and the corresponding tests) which do not meet the principles of this policy should not be maintained in the classroom.

Although the approved Open Court and AR materials are necessary for practicing early literacy skills, these books can quickly bore students and may not develop language appreciation. Language is at the heart of reading. The love of the sound of language will carry with a child, if it is properly developed. Children need to discover at an early age the peculiar satisfaction that comes from experiencing form in language, as in nursery rhymes and poetry. When this occurs, children will continue to prefer the sound of beautiful or interesting language as they later select books for meaning. Furthermore, we believe young



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children should be shown incrementally what is outside their realm of experience. Children who are exposed to complex speech patterns learn to express themselves earlier and more fluently than those spoken to in careful sentences.

In the early grades nursery rhymes, poetry, fairy tales, and captivating stories, beyond the students own reading abilities, will be read aloud to children. In addition to the development of language appreciation, this practice fosters the desire in children to master the difficult skill of reading in order that the students might gain personal access to the exciting world of stories.

Mature Literacy

Mature literacy develops as students become acquainted with a broad and rich body of knowledge and become familiar with many well-written, diverse and meaningful works of literature. According to E.D. Hirsch Jr., one of the reasons children lag behind in their reading ability, and are thus prevented from achieving mature literacy, is a huge vocabulary deficit. Hirsch advises, and GFA advocates, time devoted to activities that foster vocabulary, domain knowledge, and fluency. Domain knowledge is the threshold level of knowledge needed to understand a topic. If one knows nothing of the game of baseball, for example, one can't comprehend the sentence: "Jones sacrificed and knocked in a run." The more domain knowledge acquired, the easier it becomes to read and understand a wider variety of material. Hirsch suggests, "Such knowledge could be conveyed through read-alouds, well-conceived vocabulary instruction, and a variety of cumulative activities that immerse children in word and world knowledge."

In today's schools, the teaching of the kind of specific knowledge needed to become a fully literate individual is woefully inadequate. The texts and literature used in most American elementary schools are, for the most part, of a trivial nature. There is no shortage of material on topics like pets and sharing, but little on history, geography, and science. At GFA, vocabulary and domain knowledge are developed by teaching the rich body of content knowledge defined in the Core Knowledge Sequence. Vocabulary is further developed through Greek roots and Latin language instruction.

Finally, in order to immerse students in word knowledge and expose them to many well-written, diverse and meaningful works of literature, we have supplemented the Core Knowledge Sequence with (primarily) classic works of fiction stories which have withstood the test of time. In accordance with GFA's goals, the literature suggested by the Core Knowledge Sequence, as well as other literature that will be introduced, is chosen not only for its place in the core body of knowledge, its multi-cultural representation, and its rich use of language, but also because it provides access to deeper meaning of universal human problems, particularly those which preoccupy children's minds.

Additions to the Core Knowledge literature sequence, read-aloud lists for primary grades, required reading lists for 4th-6th grades, and K-6 summer reading lists have been developed by the faculty and Reading and Literacy Team and approved by the Board. The books on these lists were selected with consideration to exposing children to literature that they might not otherwise encounter. The books are intended to nudge students toward higher levels, not just in matters of syntax and vocabulary, but also in sophistication of plot, character development, conflict and resolution, and the sustained reading of lengthy works rather than simply excerpts. Teachers should become familiar with the books on the lists



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for their grades so that they can assist students in selecting books according to student interest and ability.

Moral Literacy

At GFA, character education is achieved through a coherent program of expectations, modeling, and study of historical and literary figures. Stories, poems, essays and other writings in our curriculum are intended to help children achieve moral literacy. That achievement involves recognizing the virtues (e.g. honesty, compassion, integrity, perseverance, courage, and citizenship), understanding what they are in practice; and developing a desire to do what is right. How is this accomplished?

First, literacy gives children specific moral reference points. Literature and history are rich in moral literacy. Children need specific illustration of what is good and bad so that what is morally right and wrong can be known and promoted. Through the power of imagination children become vicarious participants in a story; they share in a hero's choices and challenges and identify with his suffering and triumph. Because a child's allegiances are based not so much on right versus wrong, but on who arouses his sympathy and who his antipathy, it is important to choose stories in which virtue wins over vice, as in fairy tales and other classic works. Frequent and strong identification with virtuous and victorious heroes allow children to rehearse and strengthen their commitment to goodness.

Second, reading and literacy promote fascination. Nothing compares with a story that begins "Once upon a time." The imaginative process gives us hope because we want to believe that in the stories of our lives we too can make the right choices. Stories help us to make sense out of our lives: a plot; a purpose; a sense that our struggles have meaning.

Third, reading and literacy create a living link to our culture, its history and traditions.

Fourth, by teaching a domain of knowledge, children will become a part of a common world, a community of moral persons. Reading affords us the opportunity to do what we can't often do in life - to become thoroughly involved in the inner lives of others. As with visiting foreign cultures, the sustained involvement with a character in a story enlarges a child's sympathies and gives them those broad, wholesome and charitable views that are the reward of both travel and reading. This involvement is not simply the sharing of adventures, but also of ideas, emotions, loyalties, and principles.

"... Shall we just carelessly allow children to hear any casual tales which may be devised by casual persons, and to receive into their minds ideas for the most part the very opposite of those which we should wish them to have when they are grown up? We cannot. Anything received into the mind at that age is likely to become indelible and unalterable; and therefore it is most important that the tales which the young first hear should be models of virtuous thoughts..." - Plato's Republic



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POLICY

Literature Acquisition

Good Foundations Academy will be discerning when selecting books purchased by school funds, as well as in accepting book donations, so that all materials at the school support the school's literacy goals.

Books are selected on criteria beyond current popularity. The quality of language, the value of a story to the human experience, the contribution to character education, and the support of the Core Knowledge Sequence will play a part in GFA's selection of books. The majority of literature at the school should be generally acknowledged as traditional classics or children's classics. To support our character education program, we will make available books which provide examples, over and over again, of the reasons for living well. This policy applies to any book or media available to students in the school's library or classrooms as well as books read to students by parents and teachers. To support their children's education at GFA, parents are encouraged to understand the principles of this policy and assist their children in selecting books for outside reading that are consistent with school policy.

GFA Library will first purchase books from the Core Knowledge Sequence and the board-approved Reading Lists below:

- GFA K-2nd Grade Reading List (Appendix A)
- GFA 3rd-4th Grade Reading List (Appendix B)
- GFA 5th-6th Grade Reading List (Appendix C)

The library may stock additional high quality literature books (i.e. Newberry Honor, Beehive, Core Knowledge content) for student enjoyment. Teachers are encouraged to stock Classroom Libraries with books from the Board-approved Reading Lists. Classrooms libraries may stock additional high quality literature books for student enjoyment. The Reading and Literacy Team will ensure that all Classroom Libraries and the GFA Library hold to the literacy standards as outlined in this policy through periodic walk-throughs.

Requests for Library Additions

Students, teachers, and parents may request additions to the GFA Reading List by submitting a Reading List Book Request (Appendix D) to the Headmaster. The Headmaster will determine if the book may align with GFA's Book Rating Criteria (Appendix E) and needs to be passed on to the Reading and Literacy Team (Appendix F) for further review. The Reading and Literacy Team will then review the book using the Book Rating Criteria and will make the recommendation whether the book should be added to the GFA Reading Lists.



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Reading Homework

In addition to regular homework assignments, each student should read or be read to everyday. Teachers will set expectations for grades K-3. Students in grades 4-6 are required to read literature for homework for at least 20 minutes every night. If required reading is not assigned from the Core Knowledge Sequence, students will select books from the approved GFA Readings Lists. Students will receive credit for reading homework with books from the approved lists only. Teachers reserve the right to periodically assign specific reading (leveled readers, Go Phonics! etc.) to enforce reading development. Teachers may assign related grade-level work such as a reading log or summary. Students are encouraged to read additional books of their choice outside of the required reading homework time. Parents are encouraged to actively participate in guiding student selections to support the goals of this policy.

Summer Reading

Teachers nationwide observe a decline in student reading ability over the summer. It is critical for our students to read quality literature during the summer to help prepare them for the demands of the Core Knowledge Sequence for the upcoming year. In addition to keeping our students' skills sharp, it is our hope that students will develop a desire to read for pleasure and begin to see themselves as readers.

Teachers prepare Summer Reading Lists aligned with Core Knowledge for the coming year and will provide copies to families at the end of the year. The books for students entering kindergarten through 3rd grade are intended to be read to the child by the parent or another capable adult. Students entering 4th – 6th grade should be capable of reading the books themselves.

The reading will provide a common foundation for class discussion as students begin the new school year. Each class will provide opportunities in the Fall for students to share what they read and apply what they learned. Students who complete the work will receive credit in a grade-level appropriate manner.

Supporting References

Good Foundations Academy Charter, March 26, 2009

GFA K-3rd Grade Recommended Reading List

GFA 4th Grade Reading List

GFA 5th - 6th Grade Reading List

GFA Summer Reading List

The Vocabulary Deficit by Andrew Wolfe, The New York Sun, May 2, 2003

The Book of Virtues, William Bennett

On Learning to Read by Bruno Bettelheim

The Uses of Enchantment by Bruno Bettelheim

Books that Build Character by William Kilpatrick

Why Johnny Can't Tell Right from Wrong by William Kilpatrick

Why Johnny Can't Read by Rudolf Flesch

Beginning to Read by Marilyn Jager Adams

Honey for a Child's Heart by Gladys Hunt



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Amusing Ourselves to Death by Neil Postman

The Disappearance of Childhood by Neil Postman

The New Read-Aloud Handbook by Jim Trelease

The Plug-In Drug by Marie Winn

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K-2nd Grade Reading List

*Some books are for reading aloud to children and others are for children to read themselves

Language Arts/English

Author	Title	Lexile
Ahlberg, Janet and Allen	The Jolly Postman	
Aiken, Joan	The Moon's Revenge	
Andersen, Hans Christian (all)	The Emperor's New Clothes The Little Match Girl The Little Mermaid Princess and the Pea The Red Shoes The Snow Queen The Steadfast Tin Soldier Thumbelina The Ugly Duckling	
Appleby Ellen	The Three Billy-Goats Gruff	340
Ardizzone, Edward	Tim All Alone Tim's Friend Towser Tim and the Brave Sea Captain Tim and Charlotte Tim and Ginger Tim in Danger Tim to the Rescue	
Backstein, Karen	The Blind Men and the Elephant	280
Bemelmans, Ludwig	Madeline	480
Bennet, William	The Book of Virtues The Children's Book of America The Children's Book of Heroes The Children's Book of Virtues The Moral Compass Our Country's Founders	
Beskow, Elsa	Children of the Forest Pele's New Suit	
Burgess, Gelett	Goops and How to Be Them	
Burton, Virginia Lee	Katy and the Big Snow The Little House Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel	
Calmenson, Stephanie	It Begins with an A	80

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Carrick, Donald	Harald and the Giant Knight Harald and the Great Stag	
Carroll, Lewis	The Hunting of the Snark The Walrus & the Carpenter	
Chardiet, Bernice	Rapunzel	
Christelow, Eileen	Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed	310
Church, Caroline	Do Your Ears Hang Low?	20
D'Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar	Book of Greek Myths Book of Norse Myths	
dePaola, Tomie	The Art Lesson The Knight and the Dragon Legend of Indian Paintbrush The Quilt Story Shh! We're Writing the Constitution Stega Nona	
Ditschfield, Christin	Johnny Appleseed	370
Douglas, Lloyd G.	The American Flag The Bald Eagle The Liberty Bell The Pledge of Allegiance	520 620 370
Field, Eugene	Wynken, Blynken, and Nod	
Fisher, Leonard Everett	The Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Egypt Rip Van Winkle Returns Theseus and the Minotaur The Two Mountains: An Aztec Legend William Tell	
Fleming, Denise	Alphabet Under Construction	
Galdone, Pal	The Three Bears	610
Gannet, Ruth Stile	My Father's Dragon	
Gerrard, Roy	Croco'nile Mik's Mammoth The Roman Twins Rosie and the Rustlers Sir Cedric Wagons West!	
Grahame, Kenneth	The Reluctant Dragon	
Gross, Ruth Belov	The Bremen-town Musicians	200
Hale, Sarah Josephina Buell	Mary Had a Little Lamb	440
Hall, Donald	The Oxford Book of Children's Verse in America The Oxford Illustrated Book of American Children's Poems	
Harris, Joel Chandler	The Complete Tales of Uncle Remus	
Harrison, M	The New Oxford Treasury of Children's Poems	

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	The Oxford Book of Story Poems	
Hawthorne, Nathaniel	A Wonder Book for Girls and Boys	
Heller, Ruth	Books About Words series	
Herriot, James	Blossom Comes Home The Market Square Dog Only One Woof	
Hoban, Russell	The Little Brute Family The Mouse and His Child	
Hoban, Tana	26 Letters and 99 Cents	
Hodges, Margaret	Gulliver in Lilliput The Hero of Bremen The True Tale of Johnny Appleseed The Wind in the Willows retellings	
Hort, Lenny	The Boy Who Held Back the Sea	
Hughes, Shirley	Dogger	
Hurwitz, Johanna	New Shoes for Silvia	640
Hyman, Trina Schart	retellings	
Irving, Washington	Rip Van Winkle	
Jarrell, Randall	The Animal Family The Fisherman and His Wife	
Joyce, William	Dinosaur Bob and His Adventures with the Family The Leaf Men and the Brave Good Bugs Santa Calls	
Kellogg, Steven	Johnny Appleseed Pecos Bill	920 1040
Kimmel, Eric	Anansi and the Magic Stick Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock Anansi and the Talking Melon Anansi Goes Fishing The Gingerbread Man Iron John – Adapted from Brothers Grimm The McElderry Book of Greek Myths Medio/Pollito/Half Chick-Spanish Tale retellings	
Kipling, Rudyard	Just So Stories Riki-Tiki-Tavi	
La Prise, Larry	The Hokey Pokey	
Lang, Andrew	The Blue Fairy Book (and all of several other colors	
Lawson, Barabara	Folktales from China	480
Lawson, Robert	They Were Strong and Good	
Lear, Edward	Nonsense Poems of Edward Lear	
Lester, Julius	John Henry The Knee-High Man and Other Tales	

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	Uncle Remus: The Complete Tales folk-tale retellings	
Lewis, C.S.	The Chronicles of Narnia	
Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth	Paul Revere's Ride	
Lurie, Alison	The Oxford Book of Modern Fairy Tales	
MacDonald, George	The Christmas Stories of George MacDonald The Golden Key The Light Princess The Lost Princess	
Mark, Jan	The Oxford Book of Children's Stories	
Marshall, James	Goldilocks and the Three Bears The Three Little Pigs	520 560
Martin, Rafe	The Rough-Faced Girl	540
Marzollo, Jean	In 1492	310
Mason, Jan	Paul Bunyan and Other Tall Tales	820
McCaughrean, Geraldine	1001 Arabian Nights The Bronze Cauldron El Cid God's People The Golden Hoard Silver Myths and Legends Stories from Shakespeare	
McCloskey, Robert	Blueberries for Sal Lentil Make Way for Ducklings One Morning in Maine Time of Wonder others	
McDermott, Gerold	Anansi the Spider	290
McPhail, David	David McPhail's Animals A to Z	
McQueen, Lucinda	The Little Red Hen	470
Metzger, Steve	You Are My Sunshine	
Milne, A.A.	The House on Pooh Corner Now We Are Six When We Were Very Young	
Neil, Philip	The New Oxford Book of Children's Verse	
Nesbit, Edith	The Deliverers of Their Country	
Patrick, Denise Lewis	The Car Washing Street	580
Potter, Beatrix (all)	Benjamin Bunny Jemima Puddle-Duck The Roly-Poly Pudding Tale of Jeremy Fisher Tale of Johnny Town Mouse Tale of Peter Rabbit	660

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	Tale of the Pie and the Patty-Pan Tale of Samuel Whiskers Tale of Squirrel Nutkin Tale of Timmy Tiptoes	
Pulver, Robin	Punctuation Takes a Vacation	370
Ransome, Arthur	The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship	
Rohmann, Eric	My Friend Rabbit	
Russell, William F.	Classic Myths to Read Aloud	
San Souci, Robert D.	FA Mulan Legend of Sleepy Hollow N.C. Wyeth's Pilgrims Robin Hood and the Arrow The Talking Arrow Young Arthur Young Merlin other retellings	
Seuss, Dr.	Foot Book Green Eggs and Ham If I Ran the Circus Marvink Mooney Will You Please Go Now One Fish, Two Fish ... Yertle the Turtle any	
Silverstein, Shel	verse	
Steig, William	Brave Irene The Magic Pebble Yellow and Pink	
Step toe, John	Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters	720
Stockton, Frank	The Griffin and the Minor Cannon	
Thomas, Mark	Clothes in Colonial America School in Colonial America	360 320
Trapani, Iza	I'm a Little Teapot Mary Had a Little Lamb	
Truss, Lynne	Eats, Shoots, and Leaves	
White, E.B.	Charlotte's Web	680
Wilde, Oscar	The Selfish Giant	
Williams, Margery	The Velveteen Rabbit	820
Wisniewski, David	Elfwyn's Saga The Warrior and the Wiseman	
Wood, Audrey	Elbert's Bad Word others	
Woodruff, Elvira	The Memory Coat	650
Young, Ed	Lon Po Po	670
Zelinsky, Paul O.	Alice's Adventure's in Wonderland	

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	Hansel and Gretel Rumpelstiltskin others	740
Zemach, Margot	It Could Always Be Worse The Three Wishes	

History/Geography

Author	Title	Lexile
Adler, David A.	A Picture Book of Harriet Tubman	760
Alberg, David A.	Latitude and Longitude	330
	A Picture Book of Benjamin Franklin	730
	A Picture Book of Christopher Columbus	710
	A Picture Book of Paul Revere	860
	A Picture Book of Thomas Jefferson	700
Cohn, Amy L.	Abraham Lincoln	660
Evento, Susan	Mary McLeod Bethune	480
Golenbock, Peter	Teammates	930
Gross, Ruth Belov	True Stories of Abraham Lincoln	590
Jackson	George Washington	350
Keenan, Sheila	O, Say Can You See?	800
Krull, Kathleen	Harvesting Hope	800
Mara, Wil	Clara Barton	320
	The Seven Continents	
Marx, David F.	Independence Day	510
O'Malley, Kevin	Straight to the Pole	
Penner, Lucille Recht	The True Story of Pocahontas	440
Prelutsky, Jack	If Not for the Cat	
Ribke, Simon T.	Thomas Jefferson	360
	Washington, D.C.	500
Ruffin, Frances E.	Martin Luther King, Jr. and the March on Washington	480
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride	600
Sweeney, Joan	Me on the Map	280
Turner, Ann	Nettie's Trip South	860
Wade, Mary Dodson	Christopher Columbus	360
Wilson, Camilla	Rosa Parks	1020

Mathematics

Aker, Suzanne	What Comes in 2's, 3's & 4's	470
Baker, Keith	Quack and Count	
Bang, Molly	Ten, Nine, Eight	500
Crews, Donald	Ten Black Dots	270



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Dodds, Dayle Ann	The Shape of Things	
George, Jean Craighead	Morning, Noon, and Night	450
Harris, Trudy	100 Days of School	320
Harshman, Marc	Only One	
Hill, Mary	Dimes	390
	Nickels	340
	Quarters	380
Krebs, Laurie	We All Went on Safari	
Leedy, Loreen	Mission: Addition	410
	Subtraction Action	
McMillian, Bruce	Eating Fractions	
Murphy, Stuart	Less Than Zero	620
Pallotta, Jerry	Icky Bug Numbers	610
	One Hundred Ways to Get to 100	440
Pluckrose, Henry	Capacity	400
	Length	
	Shape	
	Weight	
Rankin, Laura	The Handmade Counting Book	
Rose, Deborah Lee	One Nighttime Sea	
Schlein, Miriam	More Than One	340
Spurr, Elizabeth	Farm Life	
Stewart, Melissa	Giraffe Graphs	
Sweeney, Joan	Me Counting Time	170
Tang, Greg	Math Fables	
	Math for All Seasons	
Walsh, Ellen Stoll	Mouse Count	490
Walton, Rick	Bunny Day	
Yates, Philip	Ten Little Mummies	

Music

Aliki	Ah, Music!	910
Bates, Katherine	America the Beautiful	
Cravath, Lunne	My First Action Rhymes	
Delacre, Lulu	Arroz con leche	
Demarest, Chris L.	She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain	
Goodnow, Patti	Yankee Doodle	
Guthrie, Woody	This Land is Your Land	
Raschka, Chris	Charlie Parker Played Be Bop	140
Trapani, Iza	The Itsy Bitsy Spider	
Venezia, Mike	Johann Sebastian Bach	860
	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	980
Younger, Barbara	Purple Mountain Majesties	880

Science

Alexander, Carol	Florence Nightingale	380
Ashman, Linda	Castles, Caves and Honeycombs	
Bang, Molly	My Light	690
Berger, Melvin	Brrr!	620
	Your Body	280
	Your Bones	300
	Your Brain	300
	Your Five Senses	370
Bergin, Mark	Dinosaurs	770
Bredeson, Carmen	The Solar System	490
Bullock, Linda	You Can Use a Balance	300
Cameron, Polly	"I Can't" Said the Ant	210
Canizares, Susan	Evergreens are Green	
Capeci, Anne	Insect Invaders	610
Cronin, Doreen	Diary of a Worm	360
dePaola, Tomie	The Cloud Book	680
Dillon, Leo & Diane	Rap a Tap Tap	300
Douglas, Lloyd G.	What Is a Plane?	230
	What Is a Pulley?	300
	What Is a Screw?	310
Fontes, Justine & Ron	Rachel Carson	410
Fowler, Allan	Energy From the Sun	600
	How Do You Know It's Fall?	650
	How Do You Know It's Spring?	620
	How Do You Know It's Summer?	520
	How Do You Know It's Winter?	570
	Maple Trees	600
	Pine Trees	620
	Plants that Eat Animals	
	Save the Rain Forests	620
	Simple Machines	
	So That's How the Moon Changes Shape!	720
	These Birds Can't Fly	510
	What Magnets Do	580
	What's the Weather Today?	490
	When a Storm Comes Up	650
Garrett, Ginger	Solids, Liquids, and Gases	150
Gibbons, Gail	The Reason for the Seasons	
	The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree	580
	Weather Words and What They Mean	450
Gordon, Sharon	Exercise	90

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	Keeping Clean	230
	You Are What You Eat	290
Gray	Is it a Dinosaur?	
Helbrough, Emma	1001 Bugs to Spot	
	Bears	
Heller, Ruth	Chickens Aren't the Only Ones	620
	The Reason for a Flower	
Hoberman, Mary Ann	A House Is a House for Me	560
Intrater, Roberta Grobel	Two Eyes, a Nose, and a Mouth	20
Jenkins, Martin	The Emperor's Egg	570
Kalbacken, Joan	Vitamins and Minerals	820
Kittinger, Jo S.	George Washington Carver	480
Krauss, Ruth	The Carrot Seed	230
Lauber, Patricia	What Eats What?	
Legg, Gerald	From Caterpillar to Butterfly	430
	From Egg to Chicken	500
	From Seed to Sunflower	450
	From Tadpole to Frog	460
Lobel, Arnold	Frog and Told All Year	300
	Frog and Toad Are Friends	400
Mann, Rachel	Desert Life	610
Mara, Wil	Thomas Alva Edison	390
McMillian, Bruce	Sense Suspense	
Micucci, Charles	The Life and Times of the Ant	960
Murphy, Patricia J.	Back and Forth	590
	Push and Pull	600
Posada, Mia	Dandelions	460
Relf, Pat	The Magic School Bus Hops Home	400
Ring, Susan	The Great Barrier Reef	
Rogers, Paul	What Will the Weather Be Like Today?	470
Rose, Deborah Lee	In the A, B, Sea	30
Sargent, Brian	Hot Numbers, Cool Math	
Schreiber, Anne	Magnets	760
Stille, Darlene R.	The Digestive System	700
Tocci, Salvatore	Experiments With Magnets	700
Trumbauer, Lisa	What Are Atoms?	380
	What Is a Thermometer?	380
	What is Electricity?	440
	What Is Friction?	380
	You Can Use a Compass	510
Weiss, Ellen	From Eye to Potato	
Yolen, Jane	Welcome to the Green House	770
Ziefert, Harriet	You Can't Taste a Pickle with Your Ear?	

Visual Arts

Author	Title	Lexile
Chanko, Pamela	Clay Art with Gloria Elliott	20
dePaola, Tomie	The Art Lesson	650
Douglas, Lloyd G.	The Statue of Liberty	990
Friedlaender, Linda K.	Look! Look! Look!	
Greene, Rhonda Gowler	When a Line Bends . . . A Shape Begins	710
Hunter, Ryan Ann	Cross a Bridge	550
Lionni, Leo	Little Blue and Little Yellow	210
	Matthew's Dream	560
Musgrove, Margaret	The Spider Weaver	620
Venezia, Mike	Grant Wood	
	Henri Matisse	850
	Henri Rousseau	870
	James McNeill Whistler	900
	Pablo Picasso	
	Paul Cezanne	920
	Vincent van Gogh	
Williams, Vera B.	Cherries and Cherry Pits	610
Winter, Jonah	Diego	420

3rd-4th Grade Reading List

*Third and fourth graders may select books from the following list, as well as books from the 5th-6th Grade Reading List.

English/Language Arts

Author	Title	Lexile	AR
Ahlberg, Janet & Allan	The Bear Nobody Wanted		
Alexander, Lloyd	The Arkadians	780	5.4
	The Beggar Queen	670	5.3
	The Black Cauldron	760	5.2
	The Book of Three	770	5.3
	The Castle of Llyr	790	5.4
	The Cat Who Wanted to Be a Man	670	5
	The Foundling	870	5.9
	The High King	900	6.1
	The Iron Ring	680	4.8
	The Kestral	710	5.2
	Taran Wanderer	870	6.2
	Time Cat: The Remarkable Journeys of Jason	660	4.7
	Westmark	690	5.3
Andersen, Hans Christian	The Little Mermaid: The Original Story		
Atwater, Richard	Mr. Popper's Penguins	910	5.6
Banks, Lynne Reid	The Adventures of King Midas		
	The Indian in the Cupboard	780	4.6
	The Mystery of the Cupboard	770	4.9
	The Return of the Indian	740	4.6
	The Secret of the Indian	870	5.2
Baum, L. Frank	Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz	1020	7.4
	The Emerald City of Oz	990	7.5
	Little Wizard Stories of Oz		6.9
	The Magic of Oz	1110	7.3
	The Marvelous Land of Oz		8
	Ozma of Oz	1070	7.4
	The Patchwork Girl of Oz		7.2
	The Road to Oz		7.2
	The Scarecrow of Oz		7.4
	Tik-Tok of Oz		7.9
	The Tin Woodman of Oz		7.6
	The Wonderful Wizard of Oz	1000	7
Barrie, J. M.	Peter Pan: The Complete and Unabridged Text	920	7.2

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Bingham, Jane	Medieval World	960	
Boston, Lucy	The Children of Green Knowe	880	5.3
	An Enemy at Green Knowe	850	5.8
	The River of Green Knowe	900	5.9
	The Stones of Green Knowe		6
	A Stranger at Green Knowe	990	6.4
	Treasure of Green Knowe	990	5.8
Bridges, Shirin Yim	Ruby's Wish	600	
Brooks, Walter (any)	Art of Freddy		
	The Clockwork Twin		5.2
	The Collected Poems of Freddy the Pig		
	Freddy Anniversary Collection		
	Freddy and the Bean Home News		5.5
	Freddy and the Cowboy		
	Freddy the Detective	830	5.5
	Freddy and the Dragon		
	Freddy and the Flying Saucer Plans		
	Freddy Goes Camping		
	Freddy Goes to Florida		5.9
	Freddy Goes to the North Pole		5.7
	Freddy and the Ignormus		
	Freddy and the Men From Mars		5.6
	Freddy and Mr. Camphor		
	Freddy the Magician		5.6
	Freddy and the Perilous Adventure		
	Freddy and the Pied Piper		
	Freddy Plays Football		5.4
	Freddy and the Pilot	740	
	Freddy the Politician		
	Freddy Rides Again		5
	Freddy and Simon the Dictator		
	Freddy's Cousin Weedly		5.2
	Jimmy Takes Vanishing Lessons		4.6
	The Story of Freginald		5.2
	Wit and Wisdom of Freddy and His Friends		
Bruchac, Joseph	Thirteen Moons on Turtle's Back	960	
Buck, Pearl S.	The Big Wave	790	5.2
Burnett, Frances Hodgson	A Little Princess	930	6
	Little Lord Fauntleroy		8.1
Burnford, Sheila	The Incredible Journey	1320	7.6
Burleigh, Robert	Langston's Train Ride	690	
Carroll, Lewis	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	940	7.4
	Lewis Carroll		
	Through the Looking Glass		7.6

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Cohlene, Terri	Turquoise Boy	680	
Collodi, Carlo	Pinocchio		5.3
Cooper, Susan	The Dark is Rising	920	6.2
	Greenwich	830	5.3
	The Grey King	930	6.2
	Over Sea, Under Stone	830	5.4
	Silver on the Tree	900	6
Dahl, Roald (any)	The BFG	720	4.8
	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	810	4.8
	Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator	720	4.4
	Danny, the Champion of the World	770	4.7
	The Enormous Crocodile	410	4
	Esio Trot	740	4.4
	Fantastic Mr. Fox	600	4.1
	George's Marvelous Medicine	640	4
	The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me	840	4.7
	James and the Giant Peach	870	4.8
	The Magic Finger	450	3.1
	Matilda	840	5
	The Minpins	720	5.1
	The Missing Golden Ticket and Other Splendiferous Secrets		6
	The Twits	750	4.4
	The Vicar of Nibblewick	980	5.9
	The Witches	740	4.7
Dalglish, Alice	The Courage of Sarah Noble	610	3.9
De Aneli, Marguerite	The Door in the Wall	990	6.2
De la Mare, Walter	The Lord Fish		
de Saint-Exupey	The Little Prince	710	5
DeJong, Meindert	The House of Sixty Fathers	820	5.5
	Hurry Home Candy	750	5
	Shadrach	710	4.9
	The Singing Hill		
	The Wheel on the School	820	5.5
Estes, Elenor	The Hundred Dresses	870	5.4
	The Middle Moffat	650	4.6
	The Moffats	800	5.2
	The Moffat Museum	700	5
	Pinky Pye	890	5.9
	Rufus M.	710	5.2
	The Witch Family		5.4
Farley, Walter (any)	The Black Stallion	680	5.2
	The Black Stallion's Blood Bay Colt	870	6
	The Black Stallion Challenged	800	5.6
	The Black Stallion's Courage	860	5.8

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	The Black Stallion and Flame	920	6.4
	The Black Stallion's Filly	810	5.8
	The Black Stallion's Ghost	900	6.6
	The Black Stallion and the Girl	890	5.5
	The Black Stallion Mystery	830	5.5
	The Black Stallion Returns	850	6.1
	The Black Stallion Revolts	770	5.3
	The Black Stallion and Satan	820	5.4
	The Black Stallion's Sulky Colt		5.2
	The Island Stallion	870	5.8
	The Island Stallion's Fury		5.5
	The Island Stallion Races		5.8
	Man o' War	880	
	The Son of the Black Stallion	880	6.1
	The Young Black Stallion	930	6.7
Fink, Sam	The Declaration of Independence		
Fleischman, Sid	The Whipping Boy	570	
Frasier, Debra	Miss Alaineus	690	
Freedman, Russell	Give Me Liberty!		
Fritz, Jean	Where Was Patrick Henry on the 29 th of May?	1000	
Gannett, Ruth Stiles	The Dragons of Blueland	810	4.9
	Elmer and the Dragon	800	4.6
	My Father's Dragon	990	5.6
George, Jean Craighead	Julie of the Wolves	860	5.8
	My Side of the Mountain	810	5.2
	On the Far Side of the Mountain	760	4.5
Gipson, Fred	Old Yeller	910	5
	Savage Sam	940	5.7
Grahame, Kenneth	The Reluctant Dragon	1070	6.5
Gelprin, Mark	The City in Winter		
	The Veil of Snows		
Hermes, Patricia	Our Strange New Land, Elizabeth's Jamestown Colony Diary	350	
	Season of Promise	430	
	The Starving Time	360	
Hoog, Mark	Dream Machine		
	Field of Dreams		
	The Gift		
	Magic Mountain		
	Treasure Island		
	Your Song		
Hunt, Irene	Trail of Apple Blossoms		
Jacques, Brian (any)	The Angel's Command	770	5.2
	The Bellmaker	900	5.7
	Castaway of the Flying Dutchman	770	5.4

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	Eulalia		6
	The Legend of Luke	960	5.7
	High Rhulain		5.5
	Loamhedge	840	5.3
	The Long Patrol	980	6
	Lord Backtree	820	5.5
	Mariel of Redwall	900	5.7
	Marlfox	920	5.7
	Martin the Warrior	890	5.5
	Mattimeo	820	5.2
	Mossflower	600	5.1
	Outcast of Redwall	1010	6.3
	Pearls of Lutra	980	6.1
	Rakkety Tam	950	5.5
	Redwall	800	5.6
	Salamandastron	890	5.7
	Taggerung	770	5.2
	Triss	850	5.8
Jansson, Tove (any)	Comet in the Moominland		5.4
	Finn Family Moomintroll		5.2
	Moominpappa at Sea		
	Moominland Midwinter	740	
	Moominpappa's Memoirs		
	Moominsummer Madness		
	Moominvalley in November		5.6
	The Summer Book		
	The True Deceiver		
	Tales from Moominvalley		
	The Book About Moomin, Mymble, and Little My		
Juster, Norton	The Phantom Tollbooth	1000	6.7
Kipling, Rudyard	Just So Stories	1060	6.4
	Rikki-tikki-tavi	810	4.4
Kjelgaard, Jim (any)	Big Red	910	5.6
	Irish Red		
	Snow Dog	1080	7.4
	Stormy	1030	6.9
L'Engle, Madeleine (any)	An Acceptable Time	710	4.5
	A Swiftly Tilting Planet	850	5.2
	A Wind in the Door	790	5
	A Wrinkle in Time	740	4.7
	Many Waters	700	4.7
Langley, Andrew	You Wouldn't Want to Be a Viking Explorer!	840	
Lawson, Robert	Ben and Me	1010	6.9
	The Great Wheel	990	
	Rabbit Hill	1050	6.4

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Lenski, Lois	Indian Captive	800	5.4
	Judy's Journey		
	Strawberry Girl	650	4.8
	We Live in the Country		
Lewis, C.S.	The Horse and His Boy	970	5.8
	The Last Battle	890	5.6
	The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe	940	5.7
	The Magician's Nephew	970	5.4
	Prince Caspian	870	5.7
	The Silver Chair	840	5.7
	The Voyage of the Dawn Treader	970	5.9
London, Jack	Call of the Wild	1110	
Lofting, Hugh	The Story of Dr. Dolittle	580	
	The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle	860	5.7
MacDonald, Fiona	You Wouldn't Want to Be a Crusader!	850	
MacDonald, George	The Golden Key	870	5.3
	The Light Princess	880	6.3
MacLachlan, Patricia	Cassie Binegar	700	4.3
	The Facts and Fiction of Minna Pratt	650	5.7
	Sarah, Plain and Tall	560	
McCaughrean, Geraldine	Moby Dick or The White Whale		
McCloskey, Robert	Homer Price	1000	6.6
Montgomery, L. M. (any)	Anne of Avonlea	1020	8.6
	Anne of Green Gables	990	7.3
	Anne's House of Dreams	930	6.1
	Anne of Ingleside	940	6
	Anne of the Island	910	6.3
	Anne of Windy Poplars	940	5.9
	Chronicles of Avonlea		
	Rainbow Valley	980	7.6
	Rilla of Ingleside	1030	7.9
	The Road to Yesterday	800	
Morey, Walt	Gentle Ben	740	4.8
	Kavik the Wolf Dog	740	4.9
	Scrub Dog of Alaska		
	Year of the Black Pony	700	4.4
Mulock, Dinah Marie	The Little Lame Prince		
Myers, Christopher	Black Cat		
Nesbit, E.	The Deliverers of Their Country		
	Long Ago When I Was Young		
	Melisande		5.1
Norton, Mary	Bedknobs and Broomsticks	750	4.8
	The Borrowers	780	5.3

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	The Borrowers Afield	910	6.4
	The Borrowers Afloat	850	6
	The Borrowers Avenged	770	5.3
North, Sterling	Rascal		7.1
O'Brien, Robert	Mrs. Frisby and Rats of NIMH	790	5.1
	The Secret of NIMH	780	5.1
Peck, Robert Newton	The Day No Pigs Would Die	690	4.4
Piven, Hanoch	What Presidents are Made Of	980	
Porter, Elanor	Pollyanna	870	5.2
	Pollyanna Grows Up		6.7
Prelutsky, Jack	The New Kid on the Block		
Rawls, Wilson	Summer of the Monkeys	810	4.8
	Where the Red Fern Grows	700	4.9
Roop, Peter & Connie	Sojourner Truth	690	
Salten, Felix	Bambi	700	4.9
Selden, George	The Cricket in Times Square	780	4.9
	Harry Cat's Pet Puppy		4.8
	The Old Meadow		4.6
	Tucker's Countryside	750	4.9
Seredy, Kate	The Good Master	640	4.4
	The Singing Tree	770	5
	The White Stag	1020	6.6
	The Wonderful Year		
Steig, William	Abel's Island	920	5.9
Street, Pat	There's a Frog in My Throat!		
Travers, P. L.	Mary Poppins	830	6.1
	Mary Poppins Comes Back		5.2
	Mary Poppins Opens the Door		5.1
	Marry Poppins in the Park		4.8
Verne, Jules	The Adventures of the Rat Family		
White, E. B.	Charlotte's Web	680	4.4
	Stuart Little	920	6
	The Trumpet of the Swan	750	4.9
Wilde, Oscar	Stories for Children		
Wilder, Laura Ingalls (any)	By the Shores of Silver Lake	820	5.3
	Farmer Boy	820	5.2
	The First Four Years	1030	5.8
	Little House in the Big Woods	930	5.3
	Little House on the Prairie	760	4.9
	Little Town on the Prairie	850	5.4
	The Long Winter	790	5.3
	On the Banks of Plum Creek	720	4.6
	These Happy Golden Years	840	5.6
Winthrop, Elizabeth	The Castle in the Attic	750	4.9

History & Geography

Author	Title	Lexile	AR
Adler, David	Heroes of the Revolution	890	
Bial, Raymond	Missions and Presidios		
Boyce, Natalie Pope	Ancient Rome and Pompeii	750	
Bruchac, Joseph	Many Nations	580	
Bulla, Clyde Robert	Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims		
Freedman, Russell	The Adventures of Marco Polo	1270	
	Confucius	1080	
Fritz, Jean	And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?	830	
	Can't You Make Them Behave, King George?	800	
Giblin, James Cross	George Washington	630	
Gross, Ruth Belov	If You Grew Up With George Washington	680	
January, Brendan	Colonial Life	770	
Kent, Deborah	African Americans in the Thirteen Colonies	990	
McGovern, Ann	The Secret Soldier	590	
Miller, Jay	American Indian Families	760	
	American Indian Festivals	700	
	American Indian Foods	880	
	American Indian Games	770	
San Souci, Robert	N.C. Wyeth's Pilgrims	1030	
Stemple, Heidi E. Y.	Roanoke: The Lost Colony	850	
Sullivan, George	Paul Revere	740	
Venezia, Mike	Andrew Jackson	620	
	James Madison	980	
	James Monroe	1120	
	John Adams	1130	
	John Quincy Adams	1040	
	Thomas Jefferson		

Mathematics

Author	Title	Lexile	AR
Burns, Marilyn	The Greedy Triangle	580	
Geisert, Arthur	Roman Numerals I to MM	570	
Neuschwander, Cindy	Sir Cumference and the Sword in the Cone	630	
Pinczes, Elinor J.	One Hundred Angry Ants	650	
Schwartz, David	Millions to Measure	470	
Tang, Greg	The Best of Times	130	

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Music

Author	Title	Lexile	AR
Venezia, Mike	Aaron Copland	930	
	George Gershwin	830	
	George Handel	920	
	John Philip Sousa	890	
	Peter Tchaikovsky	970	

Science

Author	Title	Lexile	AR
Avison, Brigid	I Wonder Why I Blink	800	
Baker, Lucy	Life in the Rainforests	980	
Berger, Melvin	Sound, Heat & Light: Energy at Work	360	
	A Whale Is Not a Fish	650	
	Why Do Volcanoes Blow Their Tops?	750	
Brimner, Larry Dane	Geysers		
Capeci, Anne	Food Chain Frenzy	610	
Cole, Joanna	The Magic School Bus and the Electric Field rip	490	
Davis, Gary W.	Coral Reef		
Davis, Wendy	City Park	840	
Donald, Rhonda Lucas	Air Pollution	890	
	The Ozone Layer	960	
	Recycling	960	
	Water Pollution	940	
Firth, Rachel	Astronomy		
	First Encyclopedia of Science		
Forman, Michael H.	Arctic Tundra		
Gibbons, Gail	Galaxies, Galaxies!	880	
	Stargazers	640	
	Tell Me, Tree	580	
Goldstone, Bruce	Great Estimations		
Lassieur, Allison	The Moon		
	The Sun		
Lauber, Patricia	Volcanoes and Earthquakes	840	
Leedy, Loreen	Postcards from Pluto	490	
MacLeod, Elizabeth	Alexander Graham Bell	890	
Markle, Sandra	Build a Room Alarm	880	
Murphy, Patricia J.	Hearing	830	
	Sight	620	



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Nelson, Sharlene & Ted	Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Movement	820	
Nunn, Laura Silverstein	Cuts, Scrapes, Scabs, and Scars		
Riley, Peter	Electricity	890	
	Light and Color	910	
Rogers, Kirsteen (et al)	Light, Sound, and Electricity		
Simon, Seymour	Muscles	1030	
Squire, Ann	Rocks and Minerals	990	
Stangl, Jean	What Makes You Cough, Sneeze, Burp, Hiccup, Blink, Yawn, Sweat, and Shiver?	890	
Stewart, Melissa	Amphibians	870	
	Birds		
	Fishes		
	Mammals		
	A Place For Butterflies	980	
	Reptiles	810	
Stille, Darlene R.	The Circulatory System	760	
	The Respiratory System	750	
Sullivan, George	Thomas Edison	670	
Tocci, Salvatore	Aluminum		
	Copper		
	Experiments With Electricity	690	
	Experiments With Rocks and Minerals	710	
	Experiments With Solids, Liquids, and Gases	680	
	Experiments With the Sun and Moon	690	
	Gold	1130	
	Iron		
	Oxygen		
Trueit, Trudi Strain	Earthquakes	1190	
	Volcanoes	1160	
Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth	Recycle Every Day!		
Wick, Walter	A Drop of Water	870	

Visual Arts

Author	Title	Lexile	AR
Nardo, Don	Roman Amphitheaters	1010	
Ringgold, Faith	Tar Beach	790	
Venezia, Mike	Johannes Vermeer	940	
	Mary Cassatt		

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English/Language Arts

Author	Title	Lexile
Adams, Richard	Watership Down	880
Aiken, Joan (any)	Armitage Family Stories	930
	Black Hearts in a Batter Sea	900
	Bridle the Wind	
	The Cuckoo Tree	
	Dido and Pa	930
	Go Saddle the Sea	
	Midnight is a Place	970
	Midwinter Nightingale	810
	Nightbirds on Nantucket	
	The Serial Garden: The Complete	
Alcott, Lousia May (any)	The Stolen Lake	
	Teeth of the Gale	
	Wolves of Willoughby Chase	1020
	An Old-Fashioned Girl	1290
	Eight Cousins, or, The Aunt-Hill	1260
	Jo's Boys	1210
	Little Men: Life at Plumfield with Jo's Boys	
Armstrong	Little Women	1300
	Rose in Bloom	1360
Armstrong	Sounder	900
Atwater, Richard	Mr. Popper's Penguins	910
Austen, Jane (any)	Emma	1080
	Mansfield Park	1180
	Northanger Abby	1120
	Persuasion	1100
	Pride and Prejudice	1190
	Sense and Sensibility	1180
Avi	The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	740
Ballantyne, R. M.	The Coral Island	1250
Barrie, J.M.	Peter Pan: The Complete and Unabridged Text	920
Baum, Frank (any)	Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz	1020
	The Emerald City of Oz	990
	Kidnapped Santa Claus	1130
	Little Wizard Stories of Oz	
	The Magic of Oz	1110
	The Marvelous Land of Oz	

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	Ozma of Oz The Patchwork Girl of Oz The Road to Oz The Scarecrow of Oz Tik-Tok of Oz The Tin Woodman of Oz The Wonderful Wizard of Oz	1070 1090 1000
Blackwood, Gary	The Shakespeare Stealer	840
Blos, Joan	A Gathering of Days	
Brink, Carol Ryrie	Caddie Woodlawn	890
Bronte, Charlotte (any)	Jane Eyre	840
Bronte, Emily (any)	Wuthering Heights	880
Burnett, Frances Hodgson (any)	A Little Princess Little Lord Fauntleroy Lost Prince The Lost Prince of Samavia The Secret Garden	930 1070 910 900 950
Burnford, Sheila	The Incredible Journey	1320
Carroll, Lewis	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Through the Looking Glass	940
Claybourne, Anna	World of Shakespeare	1090
Colum, Padriac (any)	Children of Odin The Golden Fleece Nordic Gods and Heroes The Trojan War and Adventures of Odysseus	980
Collodi, Carlo	Pinocchio	730
Colum, Padraic	The Golden Fleece	980
Coolidge, Susan	The Dark is Rising Silver on the Tree What Katy Did What Katy Did at School What Katy Did Next	920 900 940 870 940
Cooper, Susan	Greenwich The Grey King Over Sea, Under Stone	830 930 830
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Bud, Not Buddy The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963	950 1000
Dahl, Roald	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator Danny, Champion of the World James and the Giant Peach Matilda	810 720 770 870 840
Dalglish, Alice	The Courage of Sarah Noble	610
Davis, Ossie	Escape to Freedom	

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De Aneli, Marguerite	The Door in the Wall	990
De Cervantes, Miguel	Don Quixote	
De la Mare, Walter	The Lord Fish	
Denenberg, Barry	So Far From Home	710
Dickens, Charles (any)	A Christmas Carol	900
	David Copperfield	1070
	Great Expectations	1230
	Old Curiosity Shop	1320
	Oliver Twist	1060
	The Pickwick Papers	1210
	A Tale of Two Cities	990
Dickinson, Emily	I'm Nobody! Who are You?	
Dodge, Mary Mapes	Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates	1020
Douglass, Frederick	Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass	
Doyle, Arthur Conan (any)	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	1080
	The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes	1040
	His Last Bow	1100
	The Hound of the Baskervilles	1090
	The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes	1180
	Mysterious Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	1090
	The Return of Sherlock Holmes	
	The Sign of the Four	
	A Study in Scarlet	1070
Eliot, George (any)	The Valley of Fear	
	Middlemarch	
	The Mill on the Floss	1240
	Silad Marner	
Evans, Cheryl	Greek Myths and Legends	950
Forbes, Esther	Johnny Tremain	840
Forester, C.S. (any)	Admiral Hornblower and the West Indies	
	The Barbary Pirates	1140
	Beat to Quarters	
	Commodore Hornblower	
	Flying Colours	
	Hornblower and the Atropos	
	Hornblower During the Crisis	
	Hornblower and the Hotspur	
	Lieutenant Hornblower	
	Lord Hornblower	
	Mr. Midshipman Hornblower	
	Ship of the Line	
Freedman, Russell	Indian Chiefs	1030
Gillooly, Eileen	Robert Browning	
Gipson, Fred	Old Yeller	910

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Grahame, Kenneth (any)	Dream Days	1220
	The Golden Age (Tales)	1140
	The Reluctant Dragon	1070
	The Wind in the Willows	1140
Green, Roger Lancelyn (any)	Adventures of Robin Hood	1110
	King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table	
	The Luck of Troy	1100
	The Tale of Troy	
	Tales of Ancient Egypt	
	Tales of Greek Heroes	1150
Harness, Cheryl	Remember the Ladies	
Henty, G.A. (any)		
Hesse, Karen	Witness	
Hesse, Sharon	Out of the Dust	
Hirsch Jr., E.D. (editor)	Realms of Gold, Volume 1	
	Realms of Gold, Volume 2	
	Realms of Gold, Volume 3	
Hollander, John	American Poetry	
Hope, Anthony	The Prisoner of Zenda	640
Hughes, Langston	The Dream Keeper	
Hunt, Irene	Across Five Aprils	1100
Irving, Washington (any)	The Legend of Sleepy Hollow	1440
	Old Christmas	
	Rip Van Winkle	930
Janke, Katelan	Survival in the Storm	990
Kastan, David Scott & Marina	William Shakespeare	
Kingsley, Charles (any)	The Heroes (or Greek Fairy Tales)	
	Heroes of Greek Mythology	
	Madam How and Lady Why: or, First lessons in Earth Lore for Children	
	The Water-Babies	
	Westward Ho	1070
Kipling, Rudyard (any)	Captain Courageous	
	Jungle Book	1160
	Just So Stories	1060
	Kim	940
	The Man Who Would Be King	
	Puck of Pook's Hill	
	Rikki-tikki-tavi	810
Knight, Eric	Lassie Come Home	780
L'Engle, Madeleine	An Acceptable Time	710
	Many Waters	700
	A Swiftly Titling Planet	850

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	A Wind in the Door	790
	A Wrinkle in Time	740
London, Jack (any)	The Call of the Wild White Fang	1010 970
Lange, Andrew (any)	The Arabian Nights Fairy Books (blue, yellow, etc. – fairy tales) The Red True Story Book Tales of Troy and Greece	1180
Lee, Harper	To Kill a Mockingbird	870
Lewis, C.S. (any)	The Horse and His Boy The Last Battle The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe The Magician's Nephew Prince Caspian The Silver Chair The Voyage of the Dawn Treader	970 890 940 970 870 840 970
Lofting, Hugh	The Story of Doctor Dolittle The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle	580 860
MacDonald, George (any)	At the Back of the North Wind Golden Key Light Princess The Lost Prince The Princess and the Curdle The Princess and the Goblin	870 880 1120 1030
Marryat, Captain (any)	The Children of the New Forest Jacob Faithful The King's Own Mastermind Ready Mr. Midshipman Easy The Phantom Ship The Pirate Poor Jack Snarleyyow or the Dog Fiend The Three Cutters	
Matas, Carol	Daniel's Story	720
McKissack, Patricia C.	Color Me Dark A Picture of Freedom	680 790
Mesmer, Edric S.	The Best Poems Ever	
Meyer, Carolyn	Beware, Princess Elizabeth	910
Montgomery, L.M.	Anne of Avonlea Anne of Green Gables Anne's House of Dreams Anne of Ingleside Anne of the Island	1020 990 930 940 910

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	Anne of Windy Poplars	940
	Emily Climbs	930
	Emily of New Moon	950
	Emily of Quest	950
	Jane of Lantern Hill	
	Rainbow Valley	980
	Rilla of Inglesdide	1030
	The Road to Yesterday	800
Mulock, Dinah Maria	The Little Lame Prince	
Murphy, Jim	My Name is America: The Journal of James Edmond Pease	1070
Myers, Walter Dean	The Journal of Biddy Owens	920
Nesbit, E. (any)	Book of Dragons	1170
	The Enchanted Castle	890
	Five Children and It	980
	The House of Arden	
	The Magic City	
	The Magic World	
	New Treasure Seekers	
	The Phoenix and the Carpet	1000
	The Railway Children	920
	The Story of the Amulet	890
	The Story of the Treasure Seekers	
	Wet Magic	
	The Wouldbegoods	
North, Sterling	Rascal	1140
	The Wolfing	910
Osborne, Mary Pope	My Brother's Keeper	590
Peck, Richard	A Year Down Yonder	610
Peck, Robert Newton	The Day No Pigs Would Die	690
Poe, Edgar Allan	The Raven	
Porter, Jane	The Scottish Chefs	
Pyle, Howard (any)	Adventures of Robin Hood	1270
	The Book of Pirates	1400
	Garden Behind the Moon	950
	Men of Iron	1210
	The Merry Adventuress of Robin Hood	850
	Otto of the Silver Hand	
	Stolen Treasure	
	The Story of Champions of the Round Table	
	The Story of Jack Ballister's Fortunes	
	The Story of King Arthur and His Knights	1430
	The Story of Sir Lancelot and His Companions	
	Twilight Land	
	The Wonder Clock	

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Ransome, Arthur (any)	The Bix Six Coot Club Peter Duck Pigeon Post Secret Water Swallowdale Swallows and Amazons We Didn't Mean to Go to Sea Winter Holiday	
Rawls, Wilson	Where the Red Fern Grows	700
Rawlings, Marjorie	The Yearling	750
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Becoming Naomi Leon Esperanza Rising	830 750
Schmidt, Gary D.	Robert Frost	
Schoonmaker Bolin, Frances	Carl Sandburg Emily Dickinson	
Scott, Walter (any)	Ivanhoe	1410
Shakespeare (any)	Hamlet Julius Caesar King Lear Richard III Macbeth Merchant of Venice A Midsummer Night's Dream Othello Taming of the Shrew Tempest The Tragedy of Macbeth Two Noble Kingsmen William Shakespeare's Julius Caesar	1390 1380 1340 1290 1350 1330
Sidney, Margaret	Five Little Peppers and How They Grew	
Sperry, Armstrong	Call it Courage	830
Spyri, Johanna	Heidi	1000
Sterling, Dorothy	Freedom Train	910
Stevenson, Robert Louis (any)	Across the Plains Black Arrow Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde Dynamiter In the South Seas Kidnapped New Arabian Nights Silverado Squatters Treasure Island	1150 980 1060 970 1040 990 1120 1070
Street, Pat	There's a Frog in My Throat!	
Taylor, Mildred D.	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	920

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Tolkien, J.R.R. (any)	The Children of Hurin	860
	The Fellowship of the Ring	1000
	The Hobbit	
	The Legend of Siguard and Gudrun	
	The Return of the King	920
	The Simarillion	1150
	Tales from the Perilous Realm	
Trollope, A. A. (any)	The Two Towers	810
	American Senator	1100
	Barchester Towers	1090
	Doctor Thorne	1020
	He Knew He Was Right	1120
Twain, Mark (any)	The Way We Live Now	1080
	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	980
	Adventures of Tom Sawyer	950
	A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court	1080
	The Notorious Jumping Frog and Selected Works	
	The Prince and the Pauper	1160
Verne, Jules (any)	Pudd'n Head Wilson	1150
	20,000 Leagues Under the Sea	1030
	Around the World in 80 Days	1080
	A Journey to the Center of the Earth	1040
	The Mysterious Island	
Wells, H.G. (any)	First Men in the Moon	1130
	The Invisible Man	980
	Island of Dr. Moreau	1130
	The Time Machine	1070
	Tono Bungay	1130
	War of the Worlds	1170
	World Set Free	1310
White, T.H.	The Once and Future King	1080
	The Sword in the Stone	1120
Wiggin, Kate Douglas	Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm	1160
Wilde, Oscar	The Happy Prince and Other Stories	
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	By the Shores of Silver Lake	820
	Farmer Boy	820
	The First Four Years	1030
	Little House in the Big Woods	930
	Little House on the Prairie	760
	Little Town on the Prairie	850
	The Long Winter	790
	On the Banks of Plum Creek	720
	These Happy Golden Years	840
Wolff, Virginia	Bat 6	930
Wyss, Johann	The Swiss Family Robinson	1260

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Yep, Laurence	Hiroshima	660
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History & Geography

Author	Title	Lexile
Adler, David	Enemies of Slavery	1040
Bolden, Tonya	Portraits of African-American Heroes	1140
Bridges, Ruby	Through My Eyes	860
Bruchac, Joseph	Sacajawea	840
Dash, Joan	We Shall Not Be Moved	1170
Davis, Kenneth C.	Don't Know Much About Abraham Lincoln	1040
Fritz, Jean	Around the World in a Hundred Years	1050
	You Want the Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton?	870
Haskins, James	Black Eagles	1160
MacDonald, Alan	Henry VIII and His Chopping Block	710
Marks	Romans	920
McGowen, Tom	World War II	1310
Palacios, Argentina	Standing Tall	1060
Pinkney, Andrea Davis	Let It Shine	940
Robinson, Sharon	Promises to Keep	1030
Roop, Peter & Connie	Christopher Columbus	620
	Sitting Bull	700
Santella, Andrew	Daniel Boone and Cumberland Gap	870
Stanley, Jerry	I Am an American	1180
Sullivan, George	Abraham Lincoln	700
	Davy Crockett	670
	Lewis and Clark	710

Mathematics

Author	Title	Lexile
Burns, Marilyn	The I Hate Mathmatics! Book	610
Ellis, Julie	What's Your Angle, Pythagoras?	
Neuschwander, Cindy	Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi	390
Pallotta, Jerry	Count to a Million	450
Schwartz, David M.	G is for Googol	760
	If You Made a Million	840

Music

Author	Title	Lexile
Venezia, Mike	Aaron Copland	930
	Ludwig, van Beethoven	1010

Science

Author	Title	Lexile
Bennett, Paul	Under the Ocean	1150
Berger, Melvin & Gilda	Did It Take Creativity to Find Relativity, Albert Einstein? What Makes an Ocean Wave?	870
Doherty, Gillian	Birds	890
Howell, Laura (et al)	Animal World World of Plants	
Jenkins, Steve	Almost Gone	1020
Jones, Lynda	Five Brilliant Scientists	660
Miller, S.	Seahorses, Pipefishes, and Their Kin	920
Miller, Sara Swan	True Bugs	
Mitton, Jacqueline	Scholastic Encyclopedia of Space	1070
Nunn, Laura Silverstein	Diabetes	940
St. George, Judith	Dear Dr. Bell . . . Your Friend, Helen Keller	1180
Souza, D. M.	Freaky Flowers Wacky Trees	1110 1090
Steele, Philip	Black Holes	910
Swan, Erin Pembrey	Land Predators of North America Pelicans, Cormorants, and Their Kin	1020
Tocci, Salvatore	Calcium Carbon Experiments With Plants Experiments With Solids, Liquids, and Gases Hydrogen and the Noble Gases Nitrogen Oxygen The Periodic Table Tin	1250 700 680 1050
Trueit, Trudi Strain	Octopuses, Squids, and Cuttlefish	990

Visual Arts

Author	Title	Lexile
Foa, Emma	Edward Hopper	1040
Oliver, Clare	Jackson Pollock	1040
Stanley, Diane	Michelangelo	940
Venezia, Mike	Botticelli Pieter Bruegel Raphael	940



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APPENDIX D

Reading List Book Request

Name _____

Book Title _____

Author _____ Copyright Date _____

Book Level _____ (AR/ Lexile)

All components of this application must be completed for the book to be considered.

Which GFA reading list would you recommend this book be added to? Circle one

Primary

3rd -4th Grade

5th – 6th Grade

Provide a brief summary of the book. Please use another sheet of paper if needed.



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How does the book you are recommending align with the GFA Reading and Literacy Policy in the following three areas? The GFA Reading and Literacy Policy is located on the GFA web page under Policies and Procedures.

Primary Literacy

Mature Literacy

Moral Literacy



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What is the compelling reason we want GFA students to read this book?

What is the value added to our students by adding this book to the list?

***Upon completion, please return this form to the Headmaster.**

APPENDIX E

Book Rating Criteria

**For Reading and Literacy Team use only*

Title of Book _____

Author _____

	<u>1</u> Does Not Meet Standard	<u>2</u> Innocuous	<u>3</u> Standard
Moral Literacy	*Self-absorption *Trivial themes *Lack of identification of right/wrong	*Good/bad characters but not clearly developed – ambiguous *Lacks consequences for bad character traits	*clarity of good vs. evil (good/bad; right/wrong) *heroes *commitment to goodness *sympathy – antipithetical
Comments:			
Meaning	*promotes stupidity *trendy didacticism (therapy) *encourages brattiness *non-book (factoid)		*imagination *living vicariously (would we want students to live the life of the characters in this story?) *real *complex
Comments:			
SCORE	<i>Must have an average of at least 5/6 between the three evaluators to be considered.</i>		Score:
Language Syntax	*incomplete sentences *simple sentences	*more complex/compound sentences	*conveys more than one variable in sentences *sound of language *poetic devices *complex sentences *variety – dress-ups/openers
Comments:			

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Domain Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *self-absorption *current themes *trivial in nature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *developed story *rise above life situations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *literal allusions *accurate historical references *accurate mythological references *scientific references *foreign language *figurative language
Comments:			
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *slang – not to be confused with dialect *simple vocabulary *lots of CVC words *common every day words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *more complex vocabulary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *words include Latin roots *domain specific vocabulary *historical/time reference *phrases
Comments:			
SCORE	<p><i>In addition to the Meaning & Moral sections, this section must have an average of at least 7/9 by the three evaluators to be accepted.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Score:</p>		

What do we want the students to experience? Is this the kind of book we would want the students to wake up in and live? Why or why not?



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What is the value added to our students by adding this book? What is the compelling reason we want GFA students to read this book?

Book Score _____

Book Recommendation yes no

Review Signature _____ **Date** _____

APPENDIX F
Literacy and Reading Team Flow Chart

