



THE *KIRK OF THE HILLS*  
CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

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Kirk Day School  
Summer Reading List  
2009



Dear KDS Parents,

Summer is a great time for reading, whether it's an early quiet morning on the porch, a long lazy afternoon by the pool, or a cool firefly-filled evening in the backyard. Our kids need some "down time" among all the activities of summer, and reading is a great investment of those moments.

We've provided a list of recommended titles, divided by grade, to give you and your child a place to start. If your child finds an author he or she particularly likes, look for more books by that person. It's important to establish the reading habit for your family, and here are some ideas to help you achieve this:

1. Read to your child frequently and consistently, even to those who can already read by themselves. Research shows that children who read become better readers and develop better vocabularies.
2. Let your child see you read, whether it's the newspaper, a magazine or novel. Your own example is most valuable.
3. Encourage your children to read to each other. It is particularly helpful when a younger child or a child with difficulties reads to others.
4. Take your child to the public library to obtain his or her own library card! Use that card often and participate in their summer reading program.
5. Frequent the many wonderful bookstores around St. Louis.
6. Encourage more reading and less TV or computer time.

Happy Reading!

*Mary Guthrie*

Mary Guthrie  
KDS Librarian

BEGINNERS,  
PRE-KINDERGARTEN &  
JR. KINDERGARTEN



Brown, Margaret Wise	<u>The Important Book</u> <u>Ladybug, Ladybug</u> <u>Runaway Bunny</u> <u>Bunny's Noisy Book</u>
Burton, Virginia Lee	<u>The Little House</u>
Carle, Eric	<u>Draw Me a Star</u> <u>A House for Hermit Crab</u> <u>Little Cloud</u> <u>Pancakes, Pancakes</u> <u>The Secret Birthday Message</u>
Cousins, Lucy	<u>Humpty Dumpty and Other Nursery Rhymes</u> <u>Jack and Jill and Other Nursery Rhymes</u> <u>Little Miss Muffet and Other Nursery Rhymes</u>
Keats, Ezra Jack	<u>Goggles</u> <u>Peter's Chair</u> <u>The Snowy Day</u> <u>Whistle for Willie</u>
Lesser, Carolyn	<u>Goodnight Circle</u>
Lionni, Leo	<u>Alexander and the Wind Up Mouse</u> <u>Its Mine</u>
McPhail, David	<u>Lost</u>
Polacco, Patricia	<u>The Bee Tree</u> <u>Thundercake</u>
Penn, Audrey	<u>The Kissing Hand</u>
Smaridge, Norah	<u>Raggedy Ann (A Thank You, Please and I Love You Book)</u>
Spier, Peter	<u>Noah's Ark</u> <u>Jonah</u>
Seuss, Dr.	<u>Green Eggs and Ham</u> <u>Ten Apples Up on Top</u>
Waddell, Martin	<u>Owl Babies</u>
Wells, Rosemary	<u>Goodnight Max</u> <u>Max's Toys</u>
Wood, Audrey	<u>The Napping House</u> <u>Quick as a Cricket</u>
Yolen, Jane	<u>Owl Moon</u>
Zion, Gene	<u>Harry, the Dirty Dog and other books</u>



## KINDERGARTEN

Anderson, Hans Christian  
Bemelmans, Ludwig  
Berenstain, Stan & Jan  
Bridwell, Norman  
Brown, Marc  
Burton, Virginia Lee  
Capucilli, Alyssa Satin  
Carle, Eric

Charles, Donald  
Decker, Marjorie Ainsborough  
Flack, Marjorie  
Freeman, Don  
Gag, Wanda  
Grimm, The Brothers

Hissey, Jane  
Hoff, Syd

Krauss, Ruth  
Lobel, Arnold  
Martin Jr., Bill  
Numeroff, Laura  
Piper, Watty  
Potter, Beatrix  
Rey, H. A.  
Seuss, Dr.  
Tudor, Tasha

(A variety of authors)

The Ugly Duckling  
Any Madeline books  
Any Berenstain Bears books  
Any Clifford books  
Any Arthur books  
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel books  
Biscuit books  
The Very Hungry Caterpillar  
(Any books by Eric Carle)  
Any Calico Cat books  
The Christian Mother Goose  
The Story About Ping  
Any Corduroy books  
Millions of Cats  
Hansel and Gretel  
Little Red Riding Hood  
Old Bear books  
Abert the Albatross  
Barney's Horse  
Captain Cat  
Danny and the Dinosaur  
Sammy the Seal  
A Hole Is To Dig  
Frog and Toad books  
Brown Bear, Brown Bear  
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie  
The Little Engine That Could  
Peter Rabbit books  
Any Curious George books  
Any Dr. Seuss books  
The Lord is My Shepherd  
Give Us This Day: The Lord's Prayer  
Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes

# FIRST GRADE



(A variety of authors)	any Caldecott Medal or Honor books
Armstrong, Jennifer	<u>Magnus at the Fire</u>
Brett, Jan	<u>Annie and The Wild Animals, Hedgie's Surprise</u>
	<u>The Hat, The Mitten, Town Mouse, Country Mouse</u>
Brisson, Pat	<u>Melissa Parkington's Beautiful, Beautiful Hair</u>
Burton, Virginia Lee	<u>The Little House</u>
Carle, Eric	<u>10 Little Rubber Ducks</u> (or any other books)
DeFelice, Cynthia	<u>One Potato, Two Potato</u>
Freeman, Don	<u>Corduroy, A Pocket for Corduroy</u>
Gibbons, Gail	<u>Planets</u>
	<u>The Reason For Seasons</u>
Hall, Donald	<u>Ox-Cart Man</u>
Hall, Bruce Edward	<u>Henry and the Kite Dragon</u>
Henkes, Kevin	<u>Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse, Lilly's Big Day</u>
Hinkes, Enid	<u>Police Cat</u>
Hoban, Russell	Any <u>Frances</u> books
	<u>Bread and Jam for Frances</u>
Hopkinson, Deborah	<u>Apples to Oregon</u>
Knudsen, Michelle	<u>Library Lion</u>
Leaf, Munro	<u>The Story of Ferdinand</u>
Lewis, C. S.	<u>The World of Narnia</u> books
McCloskey, Robert	<u>Lentil</u>
	<u>Make Way for Ducklings</u>
	<u>One Morning in Maine</u>
Milne, A. A.	<u>The House at Pooh Corner</u>
	<u>Now We are Six</u>
	<u>When We Were Very Young</u>
Potter, Beatrix	<u>The Tale of Peter Rabbit</u>
Schaefer, Lola M.	<u>Arrowhawk</u>
Stewart, Sarah	<u>The Gardener, The Library</u>
Stevens, Janet	<u>The Great Fuzz Frenzy, Tops and Bottoms</u>
Suess, Dr.	<u>The Cat in the Hat</u>
	<u>The Foot Book</u>
Viorst, Judith	<u>Alexander</u> books
Williams, Margery	<u>The Velveteen Rabbit</u>

## SECOND GRADE



Aardema, Verna

Anderson, Hans Christian

Brandenberg, Franz

Bunting, Eve

Cole, Joanna

Dagliesh, Alice

De Paola, Tomie

Grimm, the Brothers

Heller, Ruth

Henkes, Kevin

Holabird, Katherine

Keats, Ezra Jack

Lobel, Arnold

Marshall, James

McBratney, Sam

Minarik, Else

Parish, Peggy

Polacco, Patricia

Rey, H. A.

Rylant, Cynthia

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman

Slobodkina, Esphyr

Why Mosquito's Buzz in People's Ears

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain

The Emperor's New Clothes

Otto is Different

The Wednesday Surprise

any Magic School Bus books

The Bears on Hemlock Mountain

Clouds

Strega Nona

Strega Nona Meets Her Match

any fairy tales

How to Hide a Parakeet and Other Birds

Owen

Sheila Rae, the Brave

any Angelina books

any "Peter" stories

Frog and Toad Series

Mouse Tales

Miss Nelson is Missing

The Three Little Pigs

Guess How Much I Love You

Little Bear's Visit

Any Amelia Bedelia books

Betty Doll (and any others)

Curious George books

Henry and Mudge series

Poppleton series

Mr. Putter and Tabby series

Nate the Great series

Caps for Sale



## THIRD GRADE

Anderson, Hans Christian  
Berenstain, Stan & Jan  
Bond, Michael  
Cleary, Beverly

Cole, Joanna  
Hoig-Brown, Roderic  
Jackson, Dave & Neta  
Lindgren, Astrid  
MacDonald, Betty  
Mazer, Ann  
Murphy, Elspeth Campbell

Osborne, Mary Pope  
Peterson, John  
Roy, Ron  
Seldon, George  
Sis, Peter

Sobol, Donald J.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler  
White, E. B.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls  
Zelinsky, Paul O.

any of his Classic Fairy Tales  
Berenstain Bears chapter books series  
Paddington Bear books  
Henry Huggins  
Henry and Ribsy  
Ribsy  
Magic School Bus chapter books  
A River Never Sleeps  
Trailblazer series  
Pippi Longstocking series  
Mrs. Piggle Wiggle books  
The Salamander Room  
Three Cousins Detective Club mysteries  
The 10 Commandments Mysteries series  
The Magic Tree House series  
The Littles series  
A to Z Mysteries series  
A Cricket in Times Square  
The Three Golden Keys  
Starry Messenger  
Encyclopedia Brown: Boy Detective  
Encyclopedia Brown Takes the Case  
Encyclopedia Brown & the Case of the  
Disgusting Sneaker  
The Boxcar Children series  
Stuart Little  
The Trumpet of the Swan  
The Little House series  
Rapunzel, Rumpelstiltskin, Hansel and Gretel

# FOURTH GRADE



(American Girls series)

Avi

Banks, Lynne Reid

Barrie, James

Baum, Frank

Bond, Michael

Brink, Carol

Burnett, Frances Hodgson

Cleary, Beverly

Creech, Sharon

Edmonds, Walter

Farley, Walter

Field, Rachel

Grahame, Kenneth

Henry, Marguerite

Hodges, Margaret

King-Smith, Dick

Kipling, Rudyard

Konigsburg, E. L

Lawson, Robert

MacLachlan, Patricia

McCloskey, Robert

(My America series)

O'Dell, Scott

Prelutsky, Jack

Rockwell, Thomas

Selden, George

Wilder, Laura Ingalls

Kit books #1-6

The Fighting Ground, Crispin books

The Indian in the Cupboard series

Peter Pan

The Wizard of Oz

A Bear Called Paddington

Caddie Woodlawn

The Secret Garden

A Little Princess

Ralph S. Mouse, The Mouse and the Motorcycle

Ramona series

Walk Two Moons

The Wanderer

Matchlock Gun

The Black Stallion

Hitty: Her First Hundred Years

The Reluctant Dragon

The Wind in the Willows

Misty of Chincoteague

St. George and the Dragon

Babe the Gallant Pig, Miss Lollipop

The Jungle Book

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E.

Frankweiler

Ben & Me

Baby

Seven Kisses in a Row

Skylark

Homer Price

Five Smooth Stones

Island of the Blue Dolphins

A Pizza the Size of the Sun

How to Eat Fried Worms

The Cricket in Times Square

Little House books

## FIFTH GRADE



Aesop	<u>Aesops Fables</u>
Armstrong, William H.	<u>Sounder</u>
Barry, Dave	<u>Peter and the Starcatcher</u>
	<u>Peter and the Shadow Thieves</u>
	<u>Winds of Light</u> series
Brouwer, Sigmund	<u>Strider</u>
Cleary, Beverly	<u>My Side of the Mountain</u>
George, Jean Craighead	<u>Hans Brinker or The Silver Skates</u>
Dodge, Mary Mapes	<u>Elsie Dinsmore</u> series
Finley, Martha	<u>The Wind in the Willows</u>
Grahame, Kenneth	<u>Baseball Card Adventure</u> series
Gutman, Dan	<u>King of the Wind</u>
Henry, Marguerite	<u>Trailblazer</u> books
Jackson, Dave & Neta	<u>Just So Stories</u>
Kipling, Rudyard	<u>Strawberry Girl</u>
Lenski, Lois	<u>The Chronicles of Narnia</u> series
Lewis, C.S.	<u>Number the Stars</u>
Lowry, Lois	<u>Bonnets and Bugles</u> series
Morris, Gilbert	<u>Hoggee</u>
Myers, Anna	<u>My Friend Flicka</u>
O'Hara, Mary	<u>Lyddie</u>
Paterson, Katherine	<u>Hatchet</u>
Paulsen, Gary	<u>The River</u>
	<u>Tucket</u> adventure series
Rogers, Jonathan	<u>Wilderking</u> trilogy
Sewell, Anna	<u>Black Beauty</u>
Speare, Elizabeth George	<u>Calico Captive</u>
Spyri, Johanna	<u>Heidi</u>
St. John, Patricia	Any Books
Streatfield, Noel	<u>Ballet Shoes</u> series
Wiggin, Kate Douglas	<u>Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm</u>
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	<u>Little House</u> series
Yates, Elizabeth	<u>Amos Fortune, Free Man</u>



## SIXTH GRADE

Alcott, Louisa May  
Bagnold, Enid  
Bunyan, John  
Cooper, Susan  
Defoe, Daniel  
DiCamillo, Kate

Elmer, Robert  
Finley, Martha

Forbes, Esther  
Harold, Keith  
Henty, G. A.  
Hesse, Karen  
Holm, Jennifer  
Jackson, Dave and Neta

Jacques, Brian

Johnson, Lois Walfrid  
Keller, Helen  
L'Engle, Madeline

London, Jack  
Montgomery, Lucy Maud  
McKinley, Robin  
Nesbit, Edith  
Peck, Richard  
Strickland, Brad  
Tada, Joni Erickson  
Tolkien, J. R. R.  
Travis, Lucille  
White, John  
Wisler, G. Clifton  
Wyss, Johann

Little Women, Little Men

National Velvet

Pilgrim's Progress

The Dark is Rising series

Robinson Crusoe

Because of Winn-Dixie

The Tale of Despereaux

The Young Underground or Adventures Down Under series

Elsie's Endless Wait

Elsie's Impossible Choice

Johnny Tremain

Rifles for Watie

Excellent Historical Fiction books

Out of the Dust

Our Only May Amelia

Attack in the Rye Grass

Trailblazer books

Castaways of the Flying Dutchman series

Redwall series

The Disappearing Stranger

The Story of My Life

The Swiftly Tilting Planet

Wind in the Door

A Wrinkle in Time

The Call of the Wild

The Anne of Green Gables series

The Blue Sword, The Hero and the Crown

The Railway Children

A Year Down Yonder, A Long Way From Chicago

When Mack Came Back

Darcy

The Hobbit, Lord of the Rings trilogy

Captured by a Spy

The Sword Bearer and others

Red Cap

Swiss Family Robinson