

Classical Summer Reading List with Activities

Parents: Scholars have a summer assignment to continue to feed their imagination and to prepare them to enter their new year of studies. Most grades are being asked to read 2 books and do an activity. The required reading assignment is marked and the second book is your choice between/among the other listed books. Books can be borrowed from the library or purchased from Amazon or another source to keep these wonderful stories around your home for future reference. Please bring the required activity to school on the first day. We look forward to sharing this experience as a class!

Entering Grade Kindergarten: *Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile* by Tomie dePaola (required)

Project: Draw a picture of the Nile with at least 3 landmarks

Mummies in the Morning (Magic Treehouse #3)

by Mary Pope Osborne (read aloud)

Entering Grade 1: *The Gods and Goddesses of Olympus* by Aliko (required)

Project: Pick a god or goddess to be and draw a picture or color one you have printed. Write 5 words that describe your god or goddess.

Greek Mythology Coloring Book for Kids! By Bold Illustrations

The Empty Pot by Demi

Entering Grade 2:

Roman Tales: The Goose Guards by Terry Deary OR

Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit (required - one of the two)

Project: Create a diorama of an important scene from one of your books.

What the Romans Did For Us by Alison Hawes

The Empty Pot by Demi

Entering Grade 3: *The Elephant from Baghdad* by Mary Tavenor Holmes (required)

Project: Write a letter to a character from this book.

The Knight and the Dragon by Tomie dePaola

Prince Martin Wins His Sword by Brandon Hale

Entering Grade 4: This grade has a choice for required reading and project (one or the other)

The Renaissance Explorers: With History Projects for Kids

By Alicia Z. Klepels

Project: Make a movie poster of your favorite explorer. OR.

Who Became Famous During the Renaissance? by Baby Professor

Project: Choose two characters from this book and write a Tweet to both asking something about their time period.

(A Tweet has only 280 characters, which includes the spaces)

Entering Grade 5: *Johnny Appleseed* by Steven Kellogg

Paul Bunyan and other Tall Tales by Jane B. Mason

(required -Choose one of the above to complete ONE of the following projects)

Project: Write a tall tale of your own and draw a picture. Your tale should be one page long at least.

Project: Or, write an epilogue, which will be a paragraph relating what happens to a character a year from where the book ends. This should be one page long as well.

Entering Grade Six: *Cat of Bubastes* by G.A. Henty (required)

*required project

Project: Make a picture dictionary using at least 20 new vocabulary words from your reading. You will make an entry for each word that has the pronunciation, part of speech, definition(s) and a sample sentence. Then draw a picture for the word.

*Optional project you may complete as well

Project: Write a summary of the book using an inanimate (not alive) object from the story as your teller. For example, a table might briefly give a summary from its perspective.

*Choose 2 others to read

Great Ancient Egypt Projects You Can Build Yourself

by Carmella Van Vleet

Cleopatra by Diane Stanley

Roman Diary: The Journal of Iliona Young Slave

by Richard Platt

St. Paul the Apostle by Mary Fabyan Windeatt
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis

Entering Grade Seven: *The White Stag* by Kate Seredy (Attila) (required)

*Choose one project to complete

Project: Write a summary of the book using an inanimate (not alive) object from the story as your teller. For example, a table might briefly give a summary from its perspective.

Project: Create a picture timeline placing major characters from your reading in the correct decade with a symbol that defines them.

*Choose 2 others to read

Augustine Came to Kent by Barbara Williard

Son of Charlemagne by Barbara Williard

Ivanhoe by Sit Walter Scott

The Midwife's Apprentice by Karen Cushman

Entering Grade Eight: Choose I from the list below to complete BOTH projects. Then, Read another from the list.

The Scarlet Letter

The Last of the Mohicans

The Call of the Wild

Little Women

Born Free

*Please do both projects

Project: Choose one book to read carefully, and for each chapter you are challenged to write a six word summary! It could be one word: terrifying, or six words: Romeo imagines he's in love. BUT, it has to summarize what the whole chapter is about.

Project: Next, write a blog about a trait that one of your characters possesses. Then, write comments from several people and answer them. You must have at least a 20 comment interaction.

