

# ACSI Survey of Recommended Reading Lists (Preschool – Grade Twelve)

## Preschool and Kindergarten

Madeline by Bemelmans, Ludwig  
Stone Soup: An Old Tale by Brown, Marcia  
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel by Burton, Virginia Lee  
The Grouchy Ladybug by Carle, Eric  
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Carle, Eric  
The Story About Ping by Flack, Marjorie  
Millions of Cats by Gag, Wanda  
Little Toot by Gramatky, Hardie  
Sammy the Seal by Hoff, Syd  
The Snowy Day by Keats, Ezra Jack  
The Carrot Seed by Krauss, Ruth  
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? By Carle, Eric  
Blueberries for Sal by McCloskey, Robert  
Little Bear by Minarik, Else Holmelund  
The Rainbow Fish by Pfister, Marcus  
The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Potter, Beatrix  
Where the Wild Things Are by Sendak, Maurice  
Horton Hatches the Egg by Dr. Seuss  
Noah's Ark by Spier, Peter  
Charlotte's Web by White, E.B.  
Harry the Dirty Dog by Zion, Gene

## Additional Books for Preschool and Kindergarten

Anno's Counting Book	A pocket for Corduroy
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs	Dandelion
Little Rabbit's Loose Tooth	Little Red Hen
Madeline Series	Chickens Aren't the Only Ones
Berenstain Bears Series	Frances Series
Franklin Series	Danny and the Dinosaur
Clifford Series	The Tale of Three Trees
Goodnight Moon	The Doorbell Rang
Runaway Bunny	Rosie's Walk
Babar Series	Harold and the Purple Crayon
The Little House	What Do You Say Dear?
The Very Busy Spider	Over in the Meadow
The Bery Quiet Cricket	Peter's Chair
Andy and the Lion	A Whistle for Willie
Are You my Mother?	Leo the Late Bloomer
Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf,	Story of Ferdinand
Ask Mr. Bear	Swimmy
Angus and the Cat	Inch by Inch
Corduroy	Frederick

Frog and Toad Series  
George and Martha  
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom  
Make Way for Ducklings  
One Morning In Maine  
Winnie the Pooh Series  
If you Give a Moose a Muffin  
If You Give A Mouse a Cookie  
Katy No-Pocket

The Little Engine That Could  
Curious George Series  
Cat in the Hat  
Green Eggs and Ham  
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble  
Ira Sleeps Over  
Lyle, Lyle Crocodile  
The Velveteen Rabbit  
The Sleepy Book

### **First and Second Grade**

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale by Aardema, Verna  
Madeline by Bemelmans. Ludwig  
Miss Nelson is Missing by Allard, Harry  
The Velveteen Rabbit by Bianco, Margery Williams  
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel by Burton, Virginia Lee  
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Carle, Eric  
The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Cleary, Beverly  
The Courage of Sarah Noble by Dalglish, Alice  
Woof Finds a Family by Dobson, Danae  
Corduroy by Freeman, Don  
Ox-Cart Man by Hall, Donald  
Danny and the Dinosaur by Hoff, Syd  
The Snowy Day by Keats, Ezra Jack  
Frog and Toad Are Friends by Lobel, Arnold  
Make Way for Ducklings by McCloskey, Robert  
The Mystery of the Carousel Horse by Murphy, Elspeth Campbell  
Amelia Bedelia by Parrish, Peggy  
The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Potter, Beatrix  
Where the Wild Things Are by Sendak, Maurice  
Meet Kirsten, An American Girl by Shaw, Janet Beeler  
Caps for Sale by Slobodkina, Esphyr  
The Mitten: An Old Ukrainian Folktale by Tresselt, Alvin R.  
Ira Sleeps Over by Waber, Bernard  
The Boxcar Children Series by Warner, Gertrude  
Little House in the Big Woods by Wilder, Laura Ingalls  
Harry, the Dirty Dog by Zion, Gene

### **Additional Books for First and Second Grade**

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain  
Song and Dance Man  
The Emperor's New Clothes  
Billy and Blaze Series  
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs  
Five Chinese Brothers  
Clifford Series

Arthur Series  
Stone Soup  
The Chocolate Touch  
Ramona Series  
Miss Rumphus  
Abraham Lincoln  
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

The Bears on Hemlock Mountain  
Helen Keller  
Christopher Churchmouse Series  
The Christian Mother Goose  
Flip  
Petunia Series  
Are You My Mother  
The Story About Ping  
Dandelion  
Millions of Cats  
Adventures in the Big Thicket  
Little Toot  
The Big Snow  
Frances Series  
Amazing Grace  
Leo the Late Bloomer

Alex Series  
The Chronicles of Narnia Series  
Frederick  
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?  
Little Bear Series  
The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash  
Curious George Series  
Cricket in Times Square  
Nate the Great Series  
American Girl Series  
Cricotor  
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No  
Good, Very Bad Day  
The Velveteen Rabbit  
Crow Boy

### **Third and Fourth Grades**

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Atwater, Richard Tupper  
Caddie Woodlawn by Brink, Carol Ryrie  
Pilgrim's Progress Simplified by Bunyan, John  
Henry Huggins by Beverly Cleary  
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Dahl, Ronald  
The Courage of Sarah Noble by Dalglish, Alice  
The Tower Treasure by Dixon, Franklin  
The Whipping Boy by Fleischman, Sid  
My Side of the Mountain by George, Jean Craighead  
Ben and Me: A New and Astonishing Life on Benjamin Franklin as  
Written by His Good Mouse, Amos by Lawson, Robert  
Strawberry Girl by Lenski, Lois  
The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe by Lewis, C.S.  
The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle by Lofting, Hugh  
Sarah, Plain and Tall by MacLachlan, Patricia  
Snow Treasure by McSwigan, Marie  
The Borrowers by Norton, Mary  
The Door in the Dragon's Throat by Peretti, Frank  
Where the Red Fern Grows by Rawls, Wilson  
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Robinson, Barbara  
Black Beauty by Sewell, Anna  
Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective by Sobol, Donald  
Heidi by Spyri, Joanna  
The Boxcar Children Series by Warner, Gertrude Chandler  
Stuart Little by White, E.B.  
Little House in the Big Woods by Wilder, Laura Ingalls

### Additional Books for Third and Fourth Grade

Born Free  
Jo's Boys  
Little Women  
Little Men  
Sounder  
Miss Hickory  
Peter Pan  
The Wizard of Oz  
Spirit Flyer Series  
Freckle Face,  
Superfudge  
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing  
Paddington Series  
Shoeshine Girl  
The Little Princess  
The Secret Garden  
The Incredible Journey  
The Midnight Fox  
The Family Under the Bridge  
Pinocchio  
James and the Giant Peach  
Daniel Boone  
Helen Keller  
The Wheel on the School  
Hardy Boys Series

Twenty-One Balloons  
The Matchlock Gun  
The Hundred Dresses  
The Moffats  
Black Stallion Series  
The Cabin Faced West  
Stone Fox  
Old Yeller  
The Wind in the Willows  
Misty of Chincoteague  
Sugar Creek Gang Series  
Nancy Drew Series  
Lassie Come Home  
Rabbit Hill  
Pippi Longstocking  
Number the Stars  
Homer Price  
Mrs. Firsby and the Rats of Nimh  
Island of the Blue Dolphins  
The Indian in the Cupboard  
Call it Courage  
American Girl Series  
Charlotte's Web  
Trumpet of the Swan  
Swiss Family Robinson

### Fifth and Sixth Grades

Little Women by Alcott, Louisa May  
Caddie Woodlawn by Brink, Carol Ryrie  
The Incredible Journey by Burnford, Sheila  
The Door in the Wall by deAngeli, Marguerite  
Hans Brinker or The Silver Skates by Dodge, Mary Mapes  
The Black Stallion by Farley, Walter  
Julie of the Wolves by George, Jean Craighead  
Old Yeller by Gipson, Fred  
King of the Wind by Henry, marguerite  
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by Konigsburg  
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by Lewis, C.S.  
Number the Stars by Lowry, Lois  
Kristy's Great Idea by Martin, Ann M.  
Gentle Ben by Morey, Walt  
Island of the Blue Dolphins by O'Dell, Scott  
Hatchet by Paulsen, Gary

### Additional Books for Fifth and Sixth Grades

Sounder  
Tuck Everlasting  
Turn Homeward, Hannalee  
The Secret Garden  
The Summer of the Swans  
Dear Mr. Henshaw  
Robinson Crusoe  
A Christmas Carol  
Hitty: Her First Hundred Years  
Johnny Tremain  
Blue Willow  
My Side of the Mountain  
The Wind in the Willows  
A Father's Promise  
The Phantom Tollbooth  
The Jungle Book  
Big Red  
Carry On, Mr. Bowditch  
Call of the Wild  
White Fang  
Anne of Green Gables Series

Rascal  
The Borrowers  
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh  
Bridge to Terabithia  
Cooper Kids Adventure Series  
Pollyanna  
The Yearling  
Where the Red Fern Grows  
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever  
The Good Master  
Miracles on Maple Hill  
The Bronze Bow  
The Witch of Blackbird Pond  
Star of Light  
The Tanglewood Secret  
Freedom Train  
Kidnapped  
Joni  
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry  
The Cay  
Amos Fortune, Free Man

### Seventh and Eighth Grades

A Wrinkle in Time by L'Engle, Madeleine  
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by Lewis, C.S.  
White Fang by London, Jack  
Anne of Green Gables by Montgomery, L.M.  
The Yearling by Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan  
The Light in the Forest by Richter, Conrad  
The Bronze Bow by Speare, Elizabeth George  
Heidi by Spyrie, Johanna  
The Red Pony by Steinbeck, John

### Additional Books For Seventh and Eighth Grades

Watership Down  
Born Free  
A Lantern in Her Hand  
National Velvet  
Caddie Woodlawn  
Jane Eyre  
The Good Earth  
The Incredible Journey  
Where the Lilies Bloom  
My Brother Sam is Dead  
The Deerslayer

The Red Badge of Courage  
David Copperfield  
Oliver Twist  
A Tale of Two Cities  
Hans Brinker  
The Count of Monte Cristo  
The Three Musketeers  
The Black Stallion  
Johnny Tremain  
Slave Dancer  
Old Yeller

Summer of My German Soldier  
The Endless Steppe  
North to Freedom  
Up the Road Slowly  
Rifles for Watie  
The Story of My Life : Helen Keller  
Captains Courageous  
To Kill a Mockingbird  
The Call of the Wild  
Christy  
Shadow in the Pines  
Gentle Ben

The Hawk that Dare Not Hunt by Day  
Sing Down the Moon  
My Friend Flicka  
Jacob Have I Loved  
Men of Iron  
Shane  
Black Beauty In His Steps  
The Pearl  
Gulliver's Travels  
Ben Hur  
The War of the Worlds

### **Ninth and Tenth Grades**

The Three Musketeers by Dumas, Alexandre  
The Diary of a Young Girl by Frank, Anne  
The Old Man and the Sea by Hemmingway, Earnest  
A Separate Peace by Knowles, John  
Out of the Silent Planet by Lewis, C.S.  
That Hideous Strength by Lewis, C.S.  
Christy by Marshall, Catherine  
Animal Farm by Orwell, George  
This Present Darkness by Peretti, Frank  
All Quiet on the Western Front by Remarque, Erich Maria

### **Additional Books for Ninth and Tenth Grades**

The Good Earth  
Pilgrim's Progress  
The Illuminati  
Don Quixote De La Mancha  
Born Again  
Lord Jim  
The Deerslayer  
The Silver Chalice  
Great Expectations  
Hard Times  
The Robe  
The Hound of the Baskervilles  
Silas Marner  
Through the Gates of Splendor  
The Great Gatsby  
Lord of the Flies  
A Raisin in the Sun  
The House of Seven Gables  
The Lost Horizon  
To Kill a Mockingbird

Gone with the Wind  
Mutiny on the Bounty  
The Scarlet Pimpernell  
Cry the Beloved Country  
The Chosen  
Peace Child  
The Light in the Forest  
Cyrano De Bergerac  
Ivanhoe  
Romeo and Juliet  
Frankenstein  
Of Mice and Men  
Uncle Tom's Cabin  
A Girl of Limberlost  
Zion Chronicles Series  
Fellowship of the Rings  
War and Peace  
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court  
The Invisible Man  
The Time Machine

The Once and Future King  
The Bridge of San Luis Rey

Our Town  
The Cross and the Switchblade

**Eleventh and Twelfth Grades**

Crime and Punishment by Dostoyevsky, Fyodor  
The Three Musketeers by Dumas, Alexandre  
The Great Gatsby by Fitzgerald, F. Scott  
Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Hardy, Thomas  
The House of the Seven Gables by Hawthorne, Nathaniel  
The Old Man and the Sea by Hemingway, Ernest  
The Odyssey by Homer  
The Hunchback of Notre Dame by Hugo, Victor  
The Screwtape Letters by Lewis, C.S.

**Additional Books for Eleventh and Twelfth Grades**

Things That Fall Apart  
Winesburg, Ohio  
Confessions of St. Augustine  
Emma  
Sense and Sensibility  
Lorna Doon  
A Man for All Seasons  
Jane Eyre  
The Good Earth  
Death Comes for the Archbishop  
My Antonia  
The Canterbury Tales  
Heart of Darkness  
The Red Badge of Courage  
The Inferno  
A Tale of Two Cities  
The Brothers Karamazov  
The Count of Monte Cristo  
The Mill on the Floss  
Murder in the Cathedral  
Lord of the Flies  
Vicar of Wakefield

Return of the Native  
The Scarlet Letter  
A Farewell to Arms  
All Things Bright and Beautiful  
Hiroshima  
Les Miserables  
Brave New World  
The turn of the Screw  
The Metamorphosis  
Kim  
Paradise Lost  
Animal Farm  
Beowulf  
Hamlet  
The Jungle  
Uncle Tom's Cabin  
Vanity Fair  
Anna Karenina  
Ben Hur  
War of the Worlds  
Picture of Dorian Grey