

# Timeless Classics – Reid School Summer Reading List

## Kindergarten

### through Grade 6

\*Recommended for K-3, either for reading by children or for reading to them.

Adamson, Joy

*Born Free* 7-8

Aesop

**N** *Fables*\*

Alcott, Louisa May

*Little Women* 9.0

Andersen, Hans Christian

Fairy tales 4.0

Atwater, Richard and Florence

*Mr. Popper's Penguins*\* 5-6

Bailey, Carolyn Sherwin

**N** *Miss Hickory*

Barrie, J.M.

*Peter Pan* 4.0

Baum, L. Frank

*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* 5-6

Bemelmans, Ludwig

Madeline series\* 3.0, 5-6

Bond, Michael (series) 4.0-6.0

*A Bear Called Paddington*

Boston, L.M.

*The Children of Green Knowe* 4.6

Brink, Carol Ryrie

*Caddie Woodlawn* 6.0

Brown, Margaret Wise

*Goodnight, Moon*\* 1.5

Brunhoff, Jean de

*The Story of Babar and other stories*\* 2.3-3.0

Burnett, Frances Hodgson

*The Secret Garden* 5-6

Burton, Virginia Lee

*Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*\* 2.8

Butterworth, Oliver

*The Enormous Egg* 5.0

Chaucer, Geoffrey

*Canterbury Tales* 5-6

Clark, Ann Nolan

*Secret of the Andes* 6.0

Cleary, Beverly

Henry Huggins series 4.0

Coatsworth, Elizabeth

*The Cat Who Went to Heaven* 5.0

Dalglish, Alice

*The Bears on Hemlock*

*Mountain*\* 4.0

*The Courage of Sarah Noble*\* 2.9

De Angeli, Marguerite

**N** *The Door in the Wall*

De Jong, Meindert

*The House of Sixty Fathers* 5.1

*The Wheel on the School* 6.0

Dodge, Mary Mapes

*Hans Brinker, or the Silver*

*Skates* 4.0

Du Bois, William Pene

*The Twenty-One Balloons* 5.0

Edmonds, Walter D.

*The Matchlock Gun* 3.0

Estes, Eleanor

*Ginger Pye* 5-6

Moffats series 5-6

Farley, Walter

*The Black Stallion* 5-6

Field, Rachel

*Hitty, Her First Hundred*

*Years* 4.0

Fritz, Jean

**N** *The Cabin Faced West*

Gilbreth, Frank B. and Ernestine G.

Carey

**N** *Cheaper By the Dozen*

Gipson, Fred

*Old Yeller* 6.0

Godden, Rumer

**N** *The Mousewife*\*

Grahame, Kenneth

*The Reluctant Dragon*\* 6.0

*The Wind in the Willows* 8.0

Gray, Elizabeth Janet

*Adam of the Road* 6.0

Grimm, Jacob and Wilhelm

*Grimm's Fairy Tales* 3.0

Hawes, Charles

**N** *The Dark Frigate*

Haywood, Carolyn

Betsy series\* 3.0, 4.0, 4.1, 4.4

Henry, Marguerite

*King of the Wind* 3.0

*Misty of Chincoteague* 5.0

Keith, Harold

*Rifles for Watie* 7.0

Kelly, Eric

*The Trumpeter of Krakow* 4.0

Kipling, Rudyard

*Captains Courageous* 4-5

*Just So Stories for Little*

*Children*\*

**N** *The Jungle Book*

Kjelgaard, Jim

*Big Red* 5.0

Knight, Eric

*Lassie Come Home* 4.0

Krumgold, Joseph

*...and Now Miguel* 5-6

*Onion John* 6.0

La Farge, Oliver

**N** *Laughing Boy*

Lamb, Charles and Mary

*Tales from Shakespeare*

Latham, Jean Lee

*Carry on, Mr. Bowditch* 9.0

Lawson, Robert

*Ben & Me* 5.0

**N** *Rabbit Hill*

Leaf, Munro

*The Story of Ferdinand*\* 3.0

Lear, Edward

*Book of Nonsense*\* 5-6

Lenski, Lois

*Strawberry Girl* 6.0

Lewis, C.S.

**N** Chronicles of Narnia series

Lindgren, Astrid

Pippi Longstocking series 4.0

Lofting, Hugh

Doctor Doolittle series 5-6

London, Jack

*The Call of the Wild* 4.0 (9.0)

*White Fang* 4.0 (5-6)

MacDonald, Betty

*Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle*\* 4.4, 4.5, 5-6

MacGregor, Ellen

Miss Pickerell series 5.0, 5.2, 5.6

McCloskey, Robert

*Blueberries for Sal*\* 2.0

*Homer Price* 6.0

*Make Way for Ducklings*\* RL

McSwigan, Marie

**N** *Snow Treasure*

- Meigs, Cornelia  
*Invincible Louisa* 4.0
- Milne, A.A.  
**N** *The House at Pooh Corner\**  
*Now We Are Six\**  
*When We Were Very Young\**  
*Winnie-the-Pooh\**
- Minarik, Else Holmelund  
*Little Bear* 1.5
- Montgomery, L.M.  
**N** *Anne of Green Gables*
- Mukerji, Dhan Ghopal  
**N** *Gay-Neck, the Story of a Pigeon*
- Norton, Mary  
The Borrowers series 6.0
- O'Hara, Mary  
*My Friend Flicka* 6.0
- Pearce, Philippa  
**N** *Tom's Midnight Garden*
- Perrault, Charles  
*Cinderella\** 4.9
- Potter, Beatrix  
*The Tale of Peter Rabbit\** RL
- Pyle, Howard  
*The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood* 10.0
- Rey, H.A.  
Curious George series 2.0-3.0
- Richter, Conrad  
*The Light in the Forest* 6.0
- Selden, George  
*The Cricket in Times Square\** 4.0
- Seuss, Dr.  
*The Cat in the Hat\** 1.0
- Sewell, Anna  
*Black Beauty* 5-6
- Sorenson, Virginia  
*Miracles on Maple Hill* 3.0
- Speare, Elizabeth George  
*The Witch of Blackbird Pond*
- Sperry, Armstrong  
*Call It Courage* 5-6
- Spyri, Johanna  
*Heidi* 5-6
- Steinbeck, John  
**N** *The Red Pony*
- Stevenson, Robert Louis  
*A Child's Garden of Verses* 2.0  
*Kidnapped* 7.0  
*Treasure Island* 7-8
- Travers, Pamela L.  
Mary Poppins series 4.0
- Van Loon, Hendrik  
**N** *The Story of Mankind*
- White, Anne Terry  
*Knights of the Round Table* 5.0
- White, E.B.  
*Charlotte's Web* 5.0  
*Stuart Little* 5.0
- Wilder, Laura Ingalls  
Little House series 4-5
- Williams, Margery  
**N** *The Velveteen Rabbit\**
- Wyss, Johann  
*Swiss Family Robinson* 7.0
- Zion, Gene  
*Harry the Dirty Dog\** 3.0
- ### Grades 7 and 8
- Alcott, Louisa May  
*Little Men* 4.0
- Bagnold, Enid  
**N** *National Velvet*
- Blackmore, Richard D.  
**N** *Lorna Doone*
- Bouille, Pierre  
**N** *The Bridge over the River Kwai*
- Bradbury, Ray  
**N** *Dandelion Wine*  
*Fahrenheit 451*  
*The Illustrated Man*  
*Martian Chronicles*
- Buchan, John  
**N** *The Thirty-Nine Steps*
- Bunyan, John  
**N** *The Pilgrim's Progress*
- Carroll, Lewis  
*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* 6.0-10.0  
*Through the Looking Glass*
- Clark, Walter  
**N** *The Ox-Bow Incident*
- Cooper, James Fenimore  
**N** *The Deerslayer*  
**N** *The Last of the Mohicans*
- Curie, Eve  
**N** *Madame Curie: A Biography*
- Dana, Richard Henry  
**N** *Two Years Before the Mast*
- Day, Clarence  
**N** *Life with Father*
- Defoe, Daniel  
*Robinson Crusoe* 11-12
- Dickens, Charles  
*A Christmas Carol* 5.0
- Douglas, Lloyd C.  
*The Robe*
- Doyle, Arthur Conan  
*Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* 7.0  
*The Hound of the Baskervilles* 7.0
- Dumas, Alexander  
**N** *The Count of Monte Christo*  
*The Three Musketeers* 5.9
- Du Maurier, Daphne  
*Rebecca*
- Edmonds, Walter D.  
**N** *Drums along the Mohawk*
- Ferber, Edna  
*Cimarron*
- Forbes, Esther  
*Johnny Tremain* 8.0
- Forester, C.S.  
*The African Queen*  
The Hornblower series
- Frank, Anne  
*Diary of a Young Girl* 7-8
- Frost, Robert  
Poems
- Gallico, Paul  
**N** *The Snow Goose*
- Gunther, John  
*Death Be Not Proud* 9-10
- Guthrie, A.B.  
*The Big Sky*
- Haggard, H. Rider  
*King Solomon's Mines*
- Hansberry, Lorraine  
*Raisin in the Sun*
- Hemingway, Ernest  
*The Old Man and the Sea*
- Hersey, John  
*A Bell for Adano*  
*Hiroshima*  
*The Wall*
- Heyerdahl, Thor  
*Kon-Tiki* 8.0

- Hilton, James  
*Goodbye, Mr. Chips* **5.0**
- N** *Lost Horizon*
- Hudson, W.H.  
**N** *Green Mansions*
- Hughes, Richard  
**N** *A High Wind in Jamaica*
- Hugo, Victor  
**N** *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*
- Irving, Washington  
**N** *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*
- Keller, Helen  
*Story of My Life* **4.0**
- Kennedy, John F.  
*Profiles in Courage* **7.0**
- Kipling, Rudyard  
*Kim* **9.0**
- Knowles, John  
**N** *A Separate Peace*
- Lee, Harper  
**N** *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- L'Engle, Madeleine  
*A Wrinkle in Time* **7.0**
- London, Jack  
**N** *The Sea Wolf*
- Lord, Walter  
*A Night to Remember*
- Malory, Sir Thomas  
*Le Morte d'Arthur*
- Maxwell, Gavin  
*Ring of Bright Water*
- McCullers, Carson  
*Member of the Wedding*
- Michener, James  
*The Bridges at Toko-Ri*
- Mitchell, Margaret  
*Gone with the Wind*
- Nordhoff, Charles and J.N. Hall  
*Mutiny on the Bounty*
- O'Dell, Scott  
*Island of the Blue Dolphins* **8.0**
- Orczy, Baroness Emma  
*The Scarlet Pimpernel*
- Paton, Alan  
*Cry, the Beloved Country*
- Pyle, Howard  
*Men of Iron*
- Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan  
*The Yearling* **7.0**
- Renault, Mary  
*The King Must Die*
- Roberts, Kenneth  
*Northwest Passage*
- Saint-Exupery, Antoine de  
*The Little Prince*  
*Wind, Sand and Stars*
- Saki  
 Stories
- Schaefer, Jack  
*Shane*
- Scott, Sir Walter  
*Ivanhoe*
- Shelley, Mary  
*Frankenstein*
- Smith, Betty  
*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*
- Steinbeck, John  
*The Pearl*  
*Tortilla Flat*
- Stevenson, Robert Louis  
*The Black Arrow*  
*The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*
- Stoker, Bram  
*Dracula*
- Thurber, James  
*The Thurber Carnival*
- Tolkien, J.R.R.  
*The Hobbit* **7-8**  
*The Lord of the Rings*
- Torgerson, Don Arthur  
*Gandhi* **7.0**
- Trapp, Maria  
*Story of the Trapp Family Singers* **7**
- Twain, Mark  
*Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*  
*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*  
*A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*  
*Innocents Abroad*  
*Life on the Mississippi*  
*The Prince and the Pauper*
- Verne, Jules  
*Around the World in Eighty Days*  
*Journey to the Center of the Earth*  
*Mysterious Island*  
*20,000 Leagues under the Sea*
- Wallace, Lewis  
*Ben-Hur*
- Washington, Booker T.  
*Up from Slavery*
- Wells, H.G.  
*The Time Machine*  
*War of the Worlds*
- Wharton, Edith  
*Ethan Frome*
- Wilder, Thornton  
*The Bridge of San Luis Rey*
- Wister, Owen  
*The Virginian*
- Yates, Elizabeth  
*Amos Fortune, Free Man*

## Grades 9 through 12

- Agee, James  
*A Death in the Family*
- Anderson, Sherwood  
*Winesburg, Ohio*
- Austen, Jane  
*Emma*  
*Northanger Abbey*  
*Pride and Prejudice*  
*Sense and Sensibility*
- Baldwin, James  
*Go Tell It on the Mountain*
- Balzac, Honore de  
*Pere Goriot*
- Beckett, Samuel  
*Waiting for Godot*
- The Bible  
 Old Testament  
 New Testament
- Bolt, Robert  
*A Man for All Seasons*
- Bronte, Charlotte  
*Jane Eyre*
- Bronte, Emily  
*Wuthering Heights*
- Browning, Robert  
 Poems
- Buck, Pearl  
*The Good Earth*
- Butler, Samuel  
*The Way of All Flesh*
- Camus, Albert  
*The Plague*  
*The Stranger*

Cather, Willa  
     *Death Comes for the Archbishop*  
     *My Antonia*  
 Cervantes, Miguel  
     *Don Quixote*  
 Chaucer, Geoffrey  
     *The Canterbury Tales* **5-6**  
 Chekhov, Anton  
     *The Cherry Orchard*  
 Chopin, Kate  
     *The Awakening*  
 Collins, Wilkie  
     *The Moonstone*  
 Conrad, Joseph  
     *Heart of Darkness*  
     *Lord Jim*  
     *The Secret Sharer*  
     *Victory*  
 Crane, Stephen  
     *The Red Badge of Courage* **9-10**  
 Dante  
     *The Divine Comedy*  
 Defoe, Daniel  
     *Moll Flanders*  
 Dickens, Charles  
     *Bleak House*  
     *David Copperfield*  
     *Great Expectations*  
     *Hard Times*  
     *Oliver Twist*  
     *A Tale of Two Cities*  
 Dickinson, Emily  
     Poems  
 Dinesen, Isak  
     *Out of Africa*  
 Dostoevski, Fyodor  
     *Brothers Karamazov*  
     *Crime and Punishment*  
 Dreiser, Theodore  
     *An American Tragedy*  
     *Sister Carrie*  
 Eliot, George  
     *Adam Bede*  
     *Middlemarch*  
     *Mill on the Floss*  
     *Silas Marner*  
 Eliot, T.S.  
     *Murder in the Cathedral*  
 Ellison, Ralph  
     *Invisible Man*  
 Emerson, Ralph Waldo  
     Essays  
 Faulkner, William  
     *Absalom, Absalom!*  
     *As I Lay Dying*  
     *Intruder in the Dust*  
     *Light in August*  
     *The Sound and the Fury*  
 Fielding, Henry  
     *Joseph Andrews*  
     *Tom Jones*  
 Fitzgerald, F. Scott  
     *The Great Gatsby*  
     *Tender Is the Night*  
 Flaubert, Gustave  
     *Madame Bovary*  
 Forster, E.M.  
     *A Passage to India*  
     *A Room with a View*  
 Franklin, Benjamin  
     *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*  
 Galsworthy, John  
     *The Forsyte Saga*  
 Golding, William  
     *Lord of the Flies*  
 Goldsmith, Oliver  
     *She Stoops to Conquer*  
 Graves, Robert  
     *I, Claudius*  
 Greene, Graham  
     *The Heart of the Matter*  
     *The Power and the Glory*  
 Hamilton, Edith  
     *Mythology*  
 Hardy, Thomas  
     *Far From the Madding Crowd*  
     *Jude the Obscure*  
     *The Mayor of Casterbridge*  
     *The Return of the Native*  
     *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*  
 Hawthorne, Nathaniel  
     *The House of the Seven Gables*  
     *The Scarlet Letter* **11-12**  
 Hemingway, Ernest  
     *A Farewell to Arms*  
     *For Whom the Bell Tolls*  
     *The Sun Also Rises*  
 Henry, O.  
     Stories **11-12**  
 Hersey, John  
     *A Single Pebble*  
 Hesse, Hermann  
     *Demian*  
     *Siddhartha*  
     *Steppenwolf*  
 Homer  
     *Iliad*  
     *Odyssey*  
 Hughes, Langston  
     Poems  
 Hugo, Victor  
     *Les Miserables*  
 Huxley, Aldous  
     *Brave New World*  
 Ibsen, Henrik  
     *A Doll's House*  
     *An Enemy of the People*  
     *Ghosts*  
     *Hedda Gabler*  
     *The Master Builder*  
     *The Wild Duck*  
 James, Henry  
     *The American*  
     *Daisy Miller*  
     *Portrait of a Lady*  
     *The Turn of the Screw*  
 Joyce, James  
     *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*  
     *Dubliners*  
 Kafka, Franz  
     *The Castle*  
     *Metamorphosis*  
     *The Trial*  
 Keats, John  
     Poems  
 Kerouac, Jack  
     *On the Road*  
 Koestler, Arthur  
     *Darkness at Noon*  
 Lawrence, D.H.  
     *Sons and Lovers*  
 Lawrence, Jerome & Robert E. Lee  
     *Inherit the Wind*  
 Lewis, Sinclair  
     *Arrowsmith*  
     *Babbitt*  
     *Main Street*  
 Llewellyn, Richard  
     *How Green Was My Valley*  
 Machiavelli  
     *The Prince*

- MacLeish, Archibald  
*J.B.*
- Mann, Thomas  
*Buddenbrooks*  
*The Magic Mountain*
- Marlowe, Christopher  
*Dr. Faustus*
- Maugham, Somerset  
*Of Human Bondage*
- McCullers, Carson  
*The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter*
- Melville, Herman  
*Billy Budd*  
*Moby-Dick*  
*Typee*
- Miller, Arthur  
*The Crucible*  
*Death of a Salesman*
- Monsarrat, Nicholas  
*The Cruel Sea*
- O'Neill, Eugene  
*The Emperor Jones*  
*A Long Day's Journey into Night*  
*Mourning Becomes Electra*
- Orwell, George  
*Animal Farm*  
*1984*
- Pasternak, Boris  
*Doctor Zhivago*
- Poe, Edgar Allan  
Short stories
- Remarque, Erich  
*All Quiet on the Western Front*
- Rolvaag, O.E.  
*Giants in the Earth*
- Rostand, Edmond  
*Cyrano de Bergerac*
- Salinger, J.D.  
*The Catcher in the Rye*
- Sandburg, Carl  
*Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years*  
*Abraham Lincoln: The War Years*
- Saroyan, William  
*The Human Comedy*
- Sayers, Dorothy  
*The Nine Tailors*
- Shakespeare, William  
Plays and sonnets
- Shaw, George Bernard  
*Arms and the Man*  
*Major Barbara*  
*Pygmalion*  
*Saint Joan*
- Sheridan, Richard B.  
*The School for Scandal*
- Shute, Nevil  
*On the Beach*
- Sinclair, Upton  
*The Jungle*
- Sophocles  
*Antigone*  
*Oedipus Rex*
- Steinbeck, John  
*East of Eden*  
*The Grapes of Wrath*  
*Of Mice and Men*
- Stowe, Harriet Beecher  
*Uncle Tom's Cabin*
- Swift, Jonathan  
*Gulliver's Travels*
- Thackeray, William M.  
*Vanity Fair*
- Thoreau, Henry David  
*Walden*
- Tolstoy, Leo  
*Anna Karenina*  
*War and Peace*
- Trollope, Anthony  
*Barchester Towers*
- Turgenev, Ivan  
*Fathers and Sons*
- Twain, Mark  
*Pudd'nhead Wilson*
- Updike, John  
*Rabbit Run*
- Vergil  
*The Aeneid*
- Voltaire  
*Candide*
- Warren, Robert Penn  
*All the King's Men*
- Waugh, Evelyn  
*Brideshead Revisited*  
*A Handful of Dust*
- Wharton, Edith  
*Age of Innocence*
- White, T.H.  
*The Once and Future King*  
*The Sword in the Stone*
- Wilde, Oscar  
*The Importance of Being Earnest*  
*The Picture of Dorian Gray*
- Wilder, Thornton  
*Our Town*
- Williams, Tennessee  
*The Glass Menagerie*  
*A Streetcar Named Desire*
- Wolfe, Thomas  
*Look Homeward, Angel*
- Woolf, Virginia  
*Mrs. Dalloway*  
*To the Lighthouse*
- Wouk, Herman  
*The Caine Mutiny*
- Wright, Richard  
*Black Boy*  
*Native Son*

**Source:** The National Endowment for the Humanities solicited supplemental reading lists from public and private schools in every state. Many of the schools had been chosen by the U.S. Department of Education as exemplary schools; others were known to have strong humanities programs. Sixty of the extracurricular lists that NEH received were used to compile this list. The list includes all titles published in 1960 or before that appeared on at least five of those reading lists. The only exception is in the early grades: Because many schools did not submit suggested readings for these grades, some titles that were mentioned fewer than five times have been added to the K-3 category.

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