



## Reading Suggestions & Resources + Recommended Books

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During this long season away from the rigor of school, a regular habit of reading not only promotes fluency, but also expands your students' vocabulary and improves their reading comprehension. Yet, beyond this, good books offer far more. They cultivate a child's affections, stir their imaginations, and instill a deep love of learning.

### A few suggestions to help with afternoon enrichment:

- Have a set time each day for reading.
- Choose "good" books and topics that activate imaginary thought.
- Ask thoughtful questions to spark discussions about the book.
- Have your child choose an interesting passage to read to the rest of the family.
- Read portions of the book with your child.

### Digital Resources for ebooks and Audiobooks

- [Hoopla](#): A digital public library featuring audiobooks, ebooks, as well as 299 ebooks with a read-alongs (K-2 age appropriate). This is free. Library patrons may join as long as they have a valid library card.
- [Project Gutenberg](#): They offer over 60,000 free ebooks to download.
- [Open Library](#): A site dedicated to establishing a list of all books, ever. They have scanned books as well as typed PDFs of books. This is also free.
- [Audible](#): While schools are on pause, push play to allow your child to engage by listening to stories. Free for students who have been impacted by school closures.
- There are many more free ebooks or audiobooks online. See this [article](#) for additional sites.

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### Kindergarten Students

- Aesop. *Aesop's Fables* (The translation by Robert L'Estrange is the classic).
- Andersen, Hans Christian. *Fairy Tales*.
- Caldecott, Randolph. *Picture Books, 16 little volumes (published by Frederick Warne)*
- Edgeworth, Maria. *The Parent's Assistant; Moral Tales*
- Frederick, Robert. *Mother Goose's Nursery Rhymes*
- Greenaway, Kate. *Apple Pie; Birthday Book; Marigold Garden; Mother Goose; Under the Window; The Language of Flowers*
- Kingsley, Charles. *Water Babies*.
- Lamb, Charles. *Beauty and the Beast; Tales from Shakespeare*
- Lear, Edward. *Nonsense Omnibus; The Owl and the Pussycat*
- Milne, A.A.. *Winnie the Pooh* and others in the series, including "Now We Are Six," and "When We Were Very Young"

- Perrault, Charles. *Fairy Tales. Illustrated by Dore (Dover)*
- Potter, Beatrix. *Peter Rabbit and 23 little volumes*
- Stevenson, Robert Louis. *A Child's Garden of Verses (Scribners)*
- Stories and fairy tales (e.g., "Little Red Riding Hood," "The Three Little Pigs," "Goldilocks," "The Ugly Duckling," "Cinderella," etc.) [\*Use classical editions rather than modern adaptations.]
- Traditional Poems/Stories and American Folk Legends (e.g., Johnny Appleseed) [\*Use classical editions, not modern adaptations.]

### **Lower Elementary Students (First through Second Grade)**

- Aesop. *Aesop's Fables* (The translation by Robert L'Estrange is the classic.)
- Belloc, Hilaire. *The Bad Child's Book of Beasts; Cautionary Tales*
- de la Mare, Walter. *Come Hither; Songs of Childhood*
- Edgeworth, Maria. *The Parent's Assistant; Moral Tales*
- Ewing, Juliana. *Jackanapes*
- Frederick, Robert. *Mother Goose's Nursery Rhymes*
- Freeman, Don. *Corduroy; Dandylion*, and other titles.
- Grimm. *Household Stories*. Illustrated by Walter Crane (Dover facsimiles)
- Harris, Joel Chandler. *Uncle Remus*
- Kingsley, Charles. *Water Babies*
- Hoff, Syd. *Danny the Dinosaur; Sammy the Seal*, and other titles.
- Lamb, Charles. *Beauty and the Beast; Tales from Shakespeare*
- Lang, Andrew. *Blue Book of Fairies* and other colors; five volumes; best illustrated by H.J. Ford
- Lear, Edward. *Nonsense Omnibus; The Owl and the Pussycat*
- Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad* and others in the series.
- Lofting, Hugh. *Dr Doolittle's Circus* and others in the series
- Milne, A.A.. *Winnie the Pooh* and others in the series, including *Now We Are Six and When We Were Very Young*.
- Potter, Beatrix. *Peter Rabbit and 23 little volumes*
- Rey, H.A.. *Curious George* series
- Parish, Peggy. *Amelia Bedelia* series
- Stevenson, Robert Louis. *A Child's Garden of Verses (Scribners)*
- Stories and fairy tales (e.g., "Little Red Riding Hood," "The Three Little Pigs," "Goldilocks," "The Ugly Duckling," "Cinderella," etc.) [\*Use classical editions rather than modern adaptations.]
- Traditional Poems/Stories and American Folk Legends (e.g., Johnny Appleseed) [\*Use classical editions, not modern adaptations.]
- White, E.B.. *Charlotte's Web; Stuart Little; Trumpet of the Swan*

### **Upper Elementary Students (Third through Fifth Grades)**

- Adams, Andy. *Log of a Cowboy*. Illustrated by N.C. Wyeth
- Atwater, Richard. *Mr. Popper's Penguins*

- Alcott, Louisa May. *Little Women; Little Men*; others
- Aldrich, Thomas Bailey. *Story of a Bad Boy*
- Blackwood, Gary. *The Shakespeare Stealer*
- Bulla, Clyde Robert. *The Sword in the Tree*
- Burroughs, Edgar Rice. *Tarzan* series.
- Browning, Robert. *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*. Illustrated by Kate Greenaway (Warne)
- Burnett, Francis Hodgson. *The Secret Garden; Little Lord Fauntleroy; The Little Princess*
- Carroll, Lewis. *Alice in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass*
- Collins, William. *John Gilpin's Ride*. Illustrated by Caldecott (Warne)
- Cooper, James Fenimore. *Deerslayer* and many others
- DK Eyewitness Books
- Dana, Richard Henry. *Two Years Before the Mast*
- Dickens, Charles. *Christmas Carol; Cricket on the Hearth; David Copperfield; Oliver Twist*  
(These last may be reserved for adolescents or re-read.)
- Dodge, Mary Mapes. *Hans Brinker*
- Defoe, Daniel. *Robinson Crusoe*
- Fritz, Jean. *Can't You Make Them Behave, King George?*
- Garland, Hamlin. *Son of the Middle Border* and others
- Grahame, Kenneth. *The Reluctant Dragon* and *The Wind in the Willows*
- Hawthorne, Nathaniel. *Tanglewood Tales*
- Henty, George William. A hundred "Boys Books"
- Irving, Washington. *Sketch Book; The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*
- James, Will. *Smoky; Lone Cowboy; Book of Cowboys* Illustrated by James
- Kingsley, Charles. *Westward Ho*, others
- Kipling, Rudyard. *Captains Courageous; Stalky and Co., Just So Stories*, Illustrated by Millar
- Legends of King Arthur
- Lewis, C.S.. *The Chronicles of Narnia* and others in this series
- Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth. *Hiawatha; Evangeline*
- Marryat, Frederick, *Midshipman Easy; Masterman Ready*, and others
- Masfield, John. *Jim Davis*.
- Porter, Eleanor H.. *Pollyanna*
- Porter, Gene Stratton. *Freckles* and others.
- Pyle, Howard. *Robin Hood* and others. Illustrated by Pyle.
- Reit, Seymour. *Guns for General Washington*
- Sewell, Anna. *Black Beauty*.
- Shakespeare. *Comedy of Errors*.
- Spyri, Johanna. *Heidi*.
- Stevenson, Robert Louis. *Treasure Island; Kidnapped*, and others. Illustrated by N.C. Wyeth

- Stowe, Harriet Beecher. *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.
- Tales from The Arabian Nights (especially *Aladdin*; *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves*; *Sinbad*)
- Tarkington, Booth. *Penrod* and others in the series
- *Til Eulenspiegel* translated by Mackenzie.
- Tolkien, J.R.R.. *The Hobbit*
- Twain, Mark. *Tom Sawyer*; *Huckleberry Finn*; *The Prince and the Pauper* – but not *Connecticut Yankee* and later novels.
- Verne, Jules. *Around the World in Eighty Days*; and many others.
- Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *Little House on the Prairie*; and others.
- Wyss, Johann. *Swiss Family Robinson*.
- Greek myths (e.g., Prometheus, Pandora, Theseus and the Minotaur, Swift-footed Atalanta, Hercules)
- Traditional fairy tales, tall tales, folk tales of your choice (e.g., Paul Bunyan, John Henry, Pecos Bill) Stories by Hans Christian Andersen (e.g., “Little Mermaid,” “Thumbelina”)