



## 2018 Summer Reading List For New CAL Students

The following was compiled using the Classical Academy de Lafayette curriculum, which was designed by Hillsdale College and the Core Knowledge Foundation. The idea behind this list stems from an understanding that the student has had no instruction through CAL. Therefore, the list recommends that your child read books and stories from prior grade levels in order to help him gain content from earlier in the curriculum. Yes, one could challenge himself to read the entire list; but that may not be the way to get the most out of summer reading. A different approach could be to select one or two items from the list at the recommended grade level, read, and write a summary about it.

One could also download an audiobook version, and read it while relaxing on the beach, on an airplane or on a road trip. At the younger age levels, it is very important that an adult read aloud often to the child. Whatever way is chosen, and even if it is a combination of these ways, summer reading is important and highly encouraged by the teachers of Classical Academy de Lafayette. Of course this list is far from comprehensive, as there are certainly other quality books and stories available. Please see our other summer reading list for current students which includes more great titles.

### **Incoming Kindergarteners**

This should be a time of read-alouds by adults to children. Picture books, fairy tales, Aesop's Fables, and folk tales of any sort should be read aloud. If your child is already proficient in reading, have her read aloud to an adult, brother, or sister. Daily reading of at least 20 minutes and discussion about the story should be the goal. Practice with neat penmanship, including letters, numbers, and short words and phrases will also benefit children of this age over the summer. Watch for proper pencil grip and letter formation, and remember that practice does NOT make perfect; perfect practice makes perfect.

### **Incoming 1<sup>st</sup> graders**

Mother Goose and other traditional poems such as A Dillar, A Dollar; Baa, Baa, Black Sheep; Diddle, Diddle, Dumpling; Early to Bed; Georgie Porgie; Hey Diddle Diddle; Hickory Dickory Dock; Hot Cross Buns; Humpty Dumpty; It's Raining, It's Pouring; Jack and Jill; Jack Be Nimble; Jack Sprat; Little Bo Peep; Little Miss Muffet; London Bridge is Falling Down; Old King Cole; Simple Simon; Three Blind Mice  
Assorted Aesop's Fables

### **Incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> graders**

The Frog Prince  
Hansel and Gretel  
Jack and the Beanstalk  
The Pied Piper of Hamelin  
Pinocchio  
The Princess and the Pea  
Puss-in-Boots  
Rapunzel  
Rumpelstiltskin

Sleeping Beauty

The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter

### **Incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders**

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths

The Emperor's New Clothes by Hans Christian Andersen

Assorted Brother's Grimm Fairy Tales

How the Camel Got His Hump by Rudyard Kipling

Assorted fables such as The Blind Men and the Elephant

Assorted fables such as The Magic Paintbrush, El Pajaro Cu, and The Tongue-Cut Sparrow

### **Incoming 4<sup>th</sup> graders**

Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll (could use as a read aloud by an adult)

Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingles Wilder

D'Aulaires' Book of Norse Myths

The Little Match Girl by Hans Christian Andersen

Tales from The Arabian Nights

Pedro's Journal by Pam Conrad

Assorted poetry: Adventures of Isabel, by Ogden Nash; By Myself by Eloise Greenfield; The Crocodile by Lewis Carroll

### **Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders**

Adapted version of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Adapted version of Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

Pollyanna by Eleanor Porter

Adapted version of Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Stories from the King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table

### **Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders**

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass (some dicey content, but an incredibly important work of literature – should be read with a parent if this book is selected)

A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare

The Gettysburg Address (speech) by Abraham Lincoln

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

### **Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders**

Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare

Stories of classical mythology – Apollo and Daphne, Orpheus and Eurydice, Narcissus and Echo, Pygmalion and Galatea

The Children's Homer by Padraic Colom

The Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain

The Scarlet Pimpernel by Baroness Emma Orczy

### **Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders**

Animal Farm by George Orwell

Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare

The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

### **Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders**

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare

I Have a Dream (speech) by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ask not what your country can do for you (Inaugural Address) by John F. Kennedy

**Incoming 10<sup>th</sup> graders**

The Iliad by Homer

The Odyssey by Homer

The Aeneid by Virgil

**Incoming 11<sup>th</sup> graders**

Beowulf

Complete Sonnets of W. Shakespeare

Frankenstein

Hamlet

Hard Times

Pride and Prejudice

**Incoming 12<sup>th</sup> graders**

Of Mice and Men

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

Moby Dick

The Scarlet Letter