



## Woodmont Academy Recommended Reading List

*"If you wish to be a good reader, read." Epictetus*

Welcome to the Woodmont Academy list of recommended books! While this list is by no means exhaustive, it serves as a guide for families to explore our vast literary heritage with care and prudence.

As we strive to lead children to truly good works of literature, we will modify this list periodically and highlight books that have our special Woodmont endorsement (labeled with an asterisk \*). Several listed books are included in the regular Woodmont curriculum and will also be labeled (C).

Please be aware that some titles have been listed at levels that may be unrealistic in terms of difficulty and maturity. We are in the process of re-listing certain titles under levels that seem more age-appropriate. We encourage parents to examine any listed book at a library to verify its level for their child.

We welcome your questions and comments regarding our reading list. Please contact our Dean of Academics, Mr. Frank Nicely at 443-574-8100 extension 105 or [fnicely@woodmontacademy.org](mailto:fnicely@woodmontacademy.org).

### Primary Grades K-2

\* *Woodmont Staff Favorite* (C) - *Used in the Woodmont Curriculum*

#### Primary Bible Selections

\*Beginner's Bible by Karyn Henley  
Bible in Pictures edited by Rev. Ralph Kirby, published by Greystone Press  
Book of Life by Newton Hall & Irving Wood, in 8 volumes  
Child's Story Bible by Catherine E. Vos  
Egermeier's Bible Story Book by Elsie E. Egermeier

## Primary Anthologies of Poetry and Prose

\*Aesop for Children illustrated by Milo Winter (126 fables)  
Alan Garner's Fairy Tales of Gold by Alan Garner  
\*Best-Loved Fairy Tales by Walter Crane  
Child's Garden of Verses by Robert Louis Stevenson  
\*Children's Book of Virtues by William Bennett, illustrated by Michael Hague  
\*Child's Treasury of Poems by Mark Daniel  
Come Hither by Walter de la Mare  
Fables by Arnold Lobel  
\*Fables and Fairy Tales by Leo Tolstoy  
\*Favorite Poems of Childhood by Philip Smith  
\*Happy Prince and Other Fairy Tales by Oscar Wilde  
James Herriot's Treasury for Children by James Herriot  
Marigold Garden and others by Kate Greenaway  
McGuffey's Primer, Pictorial Primer, & First Reader by William McGuffey  
\*Moral Tales by Maria Edgeworth  
\*Mother Goose by Kate Greenaway  
My Favorite Story Book by W. G. Vande Hulst  
\*Nonsense Omnibus and others by Edward Lear  
\*Now We Are Six by A. A. Milne  
\*Nursery and Mother Goose Rhymes by Marguerite de Angeli  
\*Once On A Time by A. A. Milne  
\*Parent's Assistant by Maria Edgeworth  
Pleasant Field Mouse Storybook by Jan Wahl  
\*Poems & Prayers for the Very Young by Martha G. Alexander  
Poems to Read to the Very Young by Josette Frank  
\*Prince Rabbit by A. A. Milne  
\*Real Mother Goose illustrated by Blanche Fisher Wright  
Ruth Ainsworth Book by Ruth Ainsworth  
\*Songs of Childhood by Walter de la Mare  
Stories Around the Year by Thornton W. Burgess  
Tom Thumb & Other Stories by L. Leslie Brooke  
When We Were Very Young by A. A. Milne

## Primary Christmas Stories

Amish Christmas by Richard Ammon  
Christmas in the Barn by Margaret Wise Brown  
Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey by Susan Wojchiechowski  
Crippled Lamb by Max Lucado  
First Christmas by Robbie Trent  
\*First Christmas by Tomie de Paola  
Grumpy Shepherd by Paddie Devon  
\*Mary, Did You Know? by Mark Lowry  
Modestita's Gift, El Regalo de Modestita by Inez Torres Davis  
Peter Spier's Christmas by Peter Spier  
\*Rembrandt: The Christmas Story published by Thomas Nelson  
Silent Night by Susan Jeffers

Story of Christmas: Words from the Gospels of Matthew & Luke by Jane Ray  
Who Is Coming to Our House by Joseph Slate

## Primary Picture Books

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by J. Viorst  
Always Room For One More by Sorche Nic Leodhas  
Amos and Boris and others by William Steig  
And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street! by Dr. Seuss  
Andy and the Lion by James Daugherty  
Angus and the Ducks by Marjorie Flack  
Animals of Farmer Jones & other Little Golden Books illus. by Richard Scarry  
Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing by Judi Barrett  
Apple Pie by Kate Greenaway  
Apricot ABC by Miska Miles  
Baby Farm Animals & other Little Golden Books illus. by Garth Williams  
Bambi's Children by Felix Salten  
Beetle Bush by Beverly Keller  
Big Book of Brambly Hedge and others by Jill Barklem  
Big Snow by Berta Hader  
Biggest Bear by Lynd Ward  
Biggest House in the World and others by Leo Lionni  
Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina  
Christine's Picture Book by Hans Christian Anderson  
Church Mouse and others by Graham Oakley  
\*Clown of God and others by Tomie de Paola  
Cock, the Mouse, and the Little Red Hen by Felicite LeFevre  
\*Corduroy by Don Freeman  
Crane Maiden by Miyoko Matsutani  
Cross Country Cat by Mary Calhoun  
\*Curious George & others by Hans A. Rey  
Dandelion Hill by Clyde Robert Bulla  
Day at the Fair by Arleta Richardson  
Deer at the Brook and others by Jim Arnosky  
Doctor Dan the Bandage Man by Helen Gaspard, ill. by Corinne Malverne  
Dogger by Shirley Hughes  
Edward Lear Alphabet by Edward Lear, illustrated by Carol Newsom  
Emily by Michael Bedard  
\*Emperor's New Clothes and others by Hans Christian Anderson  
Empty Pot by Demi  
\*Fairy Caravan by Beatrix Potter  
Faster Sooner Hound by Ama Bontemps  
\*Fiona's Flea by Beverly Keller  
\*Five Hundred Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins by Dr. Seuss  
\*Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown  
Flip by Wesley Dennis  
Frog Band and the Onion Seller by Jim Smith  
Frog, Frog, Frog by Robert Welber  
Gift for Grandpa by Angela Hunt  
Gift for Tia Rosa by Karen Taha

Goodnight Moon and others by Margaret Wise Brown  
Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion  
Hilda the Hen Who Wouldn't Give Up by Jill Tomlinson  
Hole is to Dig by Ruth Krauss  
\*Horton Hears a Who by Dr. Seuss  
House that Jack Built by Antonio Frasconi  
I Saw the Sea Come In by Alvin Tresselt  
If You Give A Moose A Muffin by Laura Joffe Numeroff  
If You Give A Mouse A Cookie by Laura Joffe Numeroff  
In the Forest and others by Marie Hall Ets  
James & the Rain by Karla Kuskin  
Johnny Crow's Garden by L. Leslie Brooke  
King at the Door by Cole Brock  
Librarian Who Measured the Earth by Kathryn Lasky  
Lillie at Ballet by Rachel Isadora  
\*Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper  
Little House and others by Virginia Burton  
Little Old Mrs. Pepperpot and others by Alf Proysen  
\*Little Red Hen and others by Paul Galdone  
Little Toot by Hardie Gramatky  
Luckiest One of All by Bill Peet  
Madeline and others by Ludwig Bemelmans  
\*Make Way For Ducklings and others by Robert McCloskey  
Marshmallow by Clare T. Newberry  
May I Bring a Friend? by Beatrice S. De Regniers  
Midnight Adventures of Kelly, Dot, and Esmerelda by John S. Goodall  
Millions of Cats by Wanda Gag  
Mirette on the High Wire by Emily Arnold McCully  
Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney  
Mr. Brown and Mr. Gray by William Wondriska  
My Island Grandma by Kathryn Lasky  
My Little Golden Book About God & others illustrated by Eloise Wilkin  
My Mother is the Most Beautiful Woman in the World by Becky Reyher  
\*N. C. Wyeth's Pilgrims by N. C. Wyeth and Robert San Souci  
Noah's Ark by Peter Spier  
\*Noah's Ark: Words from the Book of Genesis by Jane Ray  
Old Rosie, the Horse Nobody Understood by Lilian Moore & Leone Adelson  
On Mother's Lap by Ann Herbert Scott  
\*Owl Moon by Jane Yolan  
Ox-Cart Man by Donald Hall  
Paper Crane by Molly Bang  
Pelle's New Suit by Elsa Beskow  
Penny Wise - Fun Foolish by Judy Delton  
Peter Spier's Rain and others by Peter Spier  
Petunia by Roger Duvoisin and other Petunia stories  
\*Picture Books by Randolph Caldecott published by Frederick Warne  
Pimm's Place by Beverly Keller  
Poky Little Puppy by Janette Sebring Lowry, illus. by Gustaf Tenggren  
Rain, Rain Rivers by Uri Shulevitz

Richard Scarry's Please and Thank You Book by Richard Scarry  
\*Rome Antics by David Macaulay  
\*Saint Valentine by Robert Sabuda  
Shy Little Kitten by Cathleen Schurr, illustrated by Gustaf Tenggren  
\*Sir Francis Drake: His Daring Deeds by Roy Gerrard  
Smartest Bear and His Brother Oliver by Alice Bach  
Snowy Day and others by Ezra Jack Keats  
Snuggle Bunny by Nancy Jewell  
\*St. Francis and the Friendly Beasts by Margaret Hodges  
\*St. George and the Dragon by Margaret Hodges  
\*Stone Soup and others by Marcia Brown  
Story About Ping by Marjorie Flack  
Story of Babar and others by Jean and Laurent de Brunhoff  
\*Story of the Creation: Words from Genesis by Jane Ray  
\*Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf  
\*Tale of Peter Rabbit & others by Beatrix Potter  
Three Little Horses by Piet Worm  
\*Three Little Kittens by Paul Galdone  
Thunder Cake by Patricia Polacco  
Toad for Tuesday by Russell Erickson  
Two Roman Mice by Horace, retold by Marilynne K. Roach  
Uncle Wiggly Book by Howard R. Garis  
\*Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams  
Veronica by Roger Duvoisin  
Very Hungry Caterpillar and others by Eric Carle  
Where Does the Butterfly Go When It Rains? by May Garelick  
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

## Beginning Readers

Are You My Mother? by P. D. Eastman  
\*Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss  
Crash! Bang! Boom! by Peter Spier  
Do You Know What I Know? by Helen Borten  
\*Dr. Seuss's ABC by Dr. Seuss  
Fire Cat by Esther Holden Averill  
Flicka, Ricka, Dicka and others in the series by Maj Lindman  
\*Foot Book by Dr. Seuss  
\*Fox in Sox by Dr. Seuss  
\*Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss  
Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus  
\*One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss  
Owl at Home by Arnold Lobel  
Put Me In the Zoo by Robert Lopshire  
Snipp, Snapp, and Snurr by Maj Lindman  
\*Stop That Ball! by Mike McClintock

## Primary Easy Readers

\*Amelia Bedelia and others by Peggy Parish  
\*Animals Do the Strangest Things and others by Leonora Hornblow  
Bedtime for Frances and other Frances books by Russell Hoban  
\*Blueberries for Sal and others by Robert McCloskey  
Bravest Dog Ever by Natalie Standiford  
Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss  
Daniel's Duck by Clyde Robert Bulla  
Frog and Toad are Friends and others by Arnold Lobel  
George and Martha by James Marshall  
George the Drummer Boy by Nathaniel Benchley & other History I Can Read books  
\*George Washington's Mother by Jean Fritz  
Granny and the Desperadoes by Peggy Parish  
Greg's Microscope and other Science I Can Read books by Millicent Selsam  
Horse in Harry's Room and others by Syd Hoff  
Josefina Story Quilt by Eleanor Coerr  
Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie by Peter Roop  
Little Bear and others by Elise Minarik  
Mouse Soup by Arnold Lobel  
Mouse Tales by Arnold Lobel  
Nate the Great and others by Marjorie Sharmat  
New Coat for Anna by Harriet Ziefert  
Night Noises and Other Mole & Troll Stories by Tony Johnston  
One Bad Thing About Father by F. N. Monjo  
Sam the Minuteman by Nathaniel Benchley  
\*Sammy the Seal and others by Syd Hoff  
\*Trojan Horse, or How the Greeks Won the War by Emily Little

## Primary Advanced Readers

Abraham Lincoln by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire  
Adventures of the Little Wooden Horse by Ursula Moray Williams  
Adventures of Tom Bombadil by J. R. R. Tolkien  
Alligator Case and others by William Pene du Bois  
And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? by Jean Fritz  
\*Angry Giant by Oscar Wilde  
Apple & the Arrow by Mary Marsh Buff  
Bard of Avon: the Story of William Shakespeare by Diane Stanley  
\*Bear Called Paddington and others by Michael Bond (C)  
Bears on Hemlock Mountain and others by Alice Dalgliesh  
Benjamin Franklin by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire  
Benjamin West and his Cat Grimplakin by Marguerite Henry  
Betsy & Billy and others by Carolyn Haywood  
Betsy & Tacy Go Over the Big Hill and others by Maude Lovelace  
Billy & Blaze and others by C. W. Anderson  
Book of Cowboys by Holling C. Holling  
Book of Indians by Holling C. Holling  
\*Box-Car Children and others by Gertrude Warner

Bright April by Marguerite de Angeli  
\*Burt Dow, Deep Water Man by Robert McCloskey  
Can't You Make Them Behave, King George? by Jean Fritz  
Capyboppy by Bill Peet  
\*Castle by David Macaulay  
\*Cathedral by David Macaulay  
Chalk Box Kid by Clyde Robert Bulla  
\*Charles Dickens: the Man Who Had Great Expectations by Diane Stanley  
\*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl (C)  
\*City by David Macaulay  
Cleopatra by Diane Stanley  
\*Coll and His White Pig by Lloyd Alexander  
Columbus by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire  
\*Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh  
\*d'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire  
\*d'Aulaire's Norse Gods & Giants by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire  
Eric the Red & Leif the Lucky by Barbara Schiller  
Fairy Doll by Rumer Godden  
Finn Family Moomintroll and others by Tove Jansson  
George Washington by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire  
\*George Washington's Breakfast by Jean Fritz  
Good Queen Bess by Diane Stanley  
Grain of Rice by Helena Clare Pittman  
Happy Hollisters and others by Jerry West  
Happy Orpheline and others by Natalie Savage Carlson  
Henner's Lydia by Marguerite de Angeli  
Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes  
Hundred Penny Box by Sharon Bell Mathis  
I, Columbus and others by Peter & Connie Roop  
\*In Search of Troy by Piero Ventura  
\*James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl  
Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln by Jean Fritz  
\*Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling RA  
Kindle of Kittens by Rumer Godden  
Least of All by Carol Purdy  
Leave Horatio Alone by Eleanor Clymer  
Leif the Lucky by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire  
\*Leonardo da Vinci by Diane Stanley  
Lion to Guard Us by Clyde Robert Bulla  
Little Pear by Eleanor Frances Lattimore  
Marco Moonlight by Clyde Robert Bulla  
\*Matchlock Gun by Walter Edmonds  
\*Michelangelo's World by Piero Ventura  
Mill by David Macaulay  
Minn of the Mississippi by Holling C. Holling  
Mouse House by Rumer Godden  
\*Mouse on the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary  
My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannet  
Nothing is Impossible, The Story of Beatrix Potter by Dorothy Aldis  
Old Mother West Wind and others by Thornton W. Burgess

Old Woman Who Lived in a Vinegar Bottle by Rumer Godden  
Ordinary Princess by Mary Margaret Kaye  
Paddle to the Sea by Holling C. Holling  
Pagoo by Holling C. Holling  
\*Peter the Great by Diane Stanley  
Pilgrims of Plimoth by Marcia Sewall  
Puppy Summer by Meindert de Jong  
\*Pyramid by David Macaulay  
Reluctant Dragon by Kenneth Grahame  
Rocking Horse Secret by Rumer Godden  
Sarah Morton's Day and others by Kate Waters  
Seabird by Holling C. Holling  
Shhhh ... We're Writing the Constitution by Jean Fritz  
Ship by David Macaulay  
Shoeshine Girl by Clyde Robert Bulla  
Skippack School by Marguerite de Angeli  
\*Song of the Swallows by Leo Politi  
Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims by Clyde Robert Bulla  
\*St. Philip of the Joyous Heart by Francis X. Connolly  
Tale of Jolly Robin and others by Arthur Scott Baily  
Tale of Three Trees by Angela Hunt  
\*They Were Strong & Good by Robert Lawson  
Three Dollar Mule by Clyde Robert Bulla  
Three Young Pilgrims by Cheryl Harness  
Thy Friend, Obadiah by Brinton Turkle  
Tree in the Trail by Holling C. Holling  
\*Truthful Harp by Lloyd Alexander  
Twenty and Ten by Claire Huchet Bishop  
Twenty Elephant Restaurant by Russell Hoban  
\*What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin? by Jean Fritz  
Where do You Think You're Going, Christopher Columbus? by Jean Fritz  
Where Was Patrick Henry on the 29th of May? by Jean Fritz  
Who's That Stepping on Plymouth Rock? by Jean Fritz  
Why Don't You Get a Horse, Sam Adams? by Jean Fritz  
Will You Sign Here, John Hancock? by Jean Fritz  
Yellow and Pink by William Steig  
Yonie Wondernose by Marguerite de Angeli