



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.

Intermediate Grades 3-5

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

Intermediate Anthologies, Poetry and Prose

American Tall Tales by Adrien Stoutenburg

*Best-Loved Poems of the American People selected by Hazel Felleman

Blue Fairy Book and others by Andrew Lang, illustrated by H. J. Ford **RA**

*Book of Americans by Rosemary & Stephen V. Benet

*Book of Virtues by William Bennett

*Cautionary Tales for Children by Hilaire Belloc

*Celtic Mythology by T.W. Rolleston
 *Child's History of England by Charles Dickens
 Child's Geography of the World by V. M. Hillyer
 *Child's History of Art by V. M. Hillyer
 *Child's History of the World by V. M. Hillyer
 *Fairy Tales by Hans Christian Anderson **RA**
 *Favorite Poems Old and New by Helen Ferris
 *Hero Tales by Dave and Neta Jackson
 *Household Stories by the Brothers Grimm, illustrated by Walter Crane **RA**
 John Gilpin's Ride by William Cowper
 Little Bookroom by Eleanor Farjeon
 *LuLu's Library and other short story anthologies by Louisa May Alcott
 McGuffey's Second and Third Reader by William McGuffey **RA**
 *Moral Compass by William Bennett
 *Myths of the World by Padraic Colum
 *Perrault's Complete Fairy Tales by Charles Perrault **RA**
 *Pied Piper of Hamelin by Robert Browning, illustrated by Kate Greenaway
 Poems of Thomas Bailey Aldrich and others by Thomas Bailey Aldrich
 *Poems by Emily Dickinson
 *Poems by John Donne
 *Poems by George Herbert
 *Poems by Robert Browning
 *Poems by Robert Frost
 *Poems by Ben Jonson
 *Poems by Gerard Manley Hopkins
 Poems by Rudyard Kipling
 Poems by Thomas Gray
 Poems by Thomas Macaulay
 *Poems by Blessed J.H. Newman
 *Poems by T.S. Elliott
 *Poems of Horace
 *Poems by Robert Southwell
 *Poems by Francis Thompson
 *Poems by St. John of the Cross
 Sketch Book by Washington Irving
 Song of Hiawatha and other poems by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
 Stories of Great Americans by Edward Eggleston
 Story of the Romans and others by H. A. Guerber
 Tanglewood Tales by Nathaniel Hawthorne **RA**
 *Treasury of Children's Literature by Armand Eisen
 Wonder Book by Nathaniel Hawthorne **RA**
 Wonder Clock by Howard Pyle

Intermediate Christmas Stories

Bells of Christmas by Virginia Hamilton
 Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson
 Birds' Christmas Carol by Kate Douglas Wiggin
 *Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
 Christmas Stories of George MacDonald by George MacDonald

Good King Wenceslas by John Mason Neale, illus. by Christopher Manson
Good King Wenceslas illustrated by John Wallner
Littlejim's Gift, An Appalachian Christmas Story by Gloria Houston
*On That Night by Elizabeth Yates
One Wintry Night by Ruth Graham
*Oxford Illustrated Dickens' Christmas Books by Charles Dickens
Patricia St. John Christmas Book by Patricia St. John
*Rembrandt: The Christmas Story published by Thomas Nelson

Intermediate Literature

*Adam of the Road by Elizabeth Gray
Adventures of Mabel by Harry Thurston Peck
Adventures of Tintin by Herge
*Adventures of Ulysses by Charles Lamb
*Aeneid for Boys and Girls by Alfred J. Church
Aldo Applesauce by Johanna Hurwitz
*Alexander the Great by John Gunther
Alice's Adventure's in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll **RA**
All Sail Set and others by Armstrong Sperry
All-of-a-Kind Family and others by Sydney Taylor
*America's Paul Revere by Esther Forbes
*Arabian Nights translated by Edward Lane **RA**
*Archimedes & the Door of Science by Jeanne Bendick
*Aristotle, Dean of Early Science by Glanville Downey & other Immortals of Science biographies
At the Back of the North Wind and others by George MacDonald **RA**
*Augustus Caesar's World by Genevieve Foster
*Beautiful Stories from Shakespeare by Edith Nesbit
*Beauty and the Beast by Charles Lamb **RA**
Behind Rebel Lines by Seymour V. Reit
*Beowulf the Warrior by Ian Serrailler
*Ben and Me by Robert Lawson
Bevis by Richard Jefferies
Big Day For Scepters by Stephen Krensky
*Big Red by Jim Kjelgaard
*Big Wave by Pearl S. Buck
Birth of Rome by Laura Orvieto
Black Beauty: the Autobiography of a Horse by Anna Sewell
*Black Ships Before Troy by Rosemary Sutcliff
*Black Stallion and others by Walter Farley
Blue Willow by Doris Gates
*Book of Cowboys by Will James
*Book of Three and others by Lloyd Alexander
*Borrowers and others by Mary Norton
Boy Apprenticed to an Enchanter by Padriac Colum
*Boy's Life of Edison by William Meadowcroft
Brady by Jean Fritz
Bright April by Marguerite de Angeli
*Brighty of the Grand Canyon by Marguerite Henry
Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare

*Buffalo Knife by William O. Steele
By Pike and Dike: a Tale of the Rise of the Dutch Republic by G. A. Henty
*Cabin Faced West by Jean Fritz
*Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Brink
Calico Bush by Rachel Field
*Call It Courage by Armstrong Sperry
*Call of the Wild by Jack London
*Canterbury Tales retold by G. McCaughrean
Canyon Winter by Walt Morey
Carry On, Mr. Bowditch by Jean Lee Latham
Cattle Brands by Andy Adams
*Charlemagne and the Twelve Peers of France by Alfred J. Church
*Charlotte's Web by E. B. White (C)
*Cheaper by the Dozen by Frank Gilbreth
Children of Odin by Padraic Colum
*Children's Homer by Padraic Colum
*Chitty Chitty Bang Bang by Ian Fleming
*Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis (C)
*Cricket in Times Square by George Selden (C)
Daniel Boone and other biographies by James Daugherty
Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
Destination Moon by James Irwin
Dobry by Monica Shannon
Doctor's Boy by Karin Anckarsvard
Dog on Barkham Street by Mary Stoltz
Doll's House by Rumer Godden
Door in the Wall by Marguerite de Angeli
*Dragon Slayer by Rosemary Sutcliff
Dvora's Journey by Marge Blaine
Eagle of the Ninth and other historical fiction by Rosemary Sutcliff
Early Thunder and others by Jean Fritz
Episode of Sparrows by Rumer Godden
Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl
Far Frontier by William O. Steele
Five Children & It by Edith Nesbit
*Five Little Peppers and How They Grew and others by Margaret Sidney
*Fledgling, The by Jean Langton
*Follow My Leader by James B. Garfield
For the Temple: A Tale of the Fall of Jerusalem & others by G. A. Henty
Four-Story Mistake by Elizabeth Enright
Freedom to Dream by Cynthia Blair
From Anna by Jean Little
Further Adventures of Nils by Selma Lagerlof
*Gathering of Days by Joan Blos
*Gentle Ben by Walt Morey
*George Washington's World and other histories by Genevieve Foster
Ginger Pye by Eleanor Estes
*God Made Them Great by John Tallach
*Golden Fleece by Padriac Colum
Golden Goblet by Eloise Jarvis McGraw
Golden Key by George MacDonald
Gone Away Lake by Elizabeth Enright
Good Master by Kate Seredy

*Grandfather's Chair by Nathaniel Hawthorne
*Great Brain and others by John Fitzgerald
*Great Glass Elevator by Roald Dahl
*Guns for General Washington by Seymour Reit
Hakon of Rogen's Saga and others by Erik Christian Haugaard
Hannah by Gloria Whelan
*Helen Keller by Helen Keller
*Henry Huggins and other Henry books by Beverly Cleary
Henry Reed, Inc. by Keith Robertson
Heroes of Asgard by A. & E. Keary
Home of the Sailor by Rumer Godden
*Homer Price by Robert McCloskey
House at Pooh Corner by A. A. Milne RA
House of Sixty Fathers by Meindert de Jong
Huguenot Garden: A Children's Story of Faith by Douglas Jones
*Hundred and One Dalmatians by Dodie Smith
I, Juan de Pareja by Elizabeth de Trevino
*Iliad for Boys and Girls by Alfred J. Church
*In Freedom's Cause: A Story of Wallace and Bruce by G. A. Henty
In Grandma's Attic & others by Arleta Richardson
*Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford
Ink on His Fingers & other hero tales of the Reformation by Louise Vernon
John Treegate's Musket and others in the series by Leonard Wibberley
*Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes
Journey from Peppermint Street by Meindert de Jong
Journey to America by Sonia Levitin
*Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George
Jungle Doctor and others by Paul White
Justin Morgan Had a Horse by Marguerite Henry
*Kateri Tekakwitha: Mohawk Maid by Evelyn Brown
Kildee House by Rutherford George Montgomery
*King Arthur and His Round Table by Sidney Lanier
King of the Golden River by John Ruskin
*King of the Wind and others by Marguerite Henry
King Without a Shadow by R. C. Sproul
*Lad: a Dog and others by Albert Payson Terhune
Landing of the Pilgrims by James Daugherty
*Lassie Come Home by Eric Knight
*Legend of the Cid by Robert Conroy Goldston
Little Britches: Father & I Were Ranchers and others by Ralph Moody
Little Fishes by Erik Christian Haugaard
*Little House in the Big Woods and others by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Little Lamé Prince by Dinah Maria Mulock
*Little Lord Fauntleroy by Frances Hodgson Burnett
*Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett
*Log of a Cowboy by Andy Adams
Lone Cowboy by Will James
Lone Journey by Jeanette Eaton
*Lost Princess by George MacDonald
Magic Pudding by Norman Lindsey
Magic Summer by Noel Streatfeild
Magical Melons by Carol Brink
Many Moons by James Thurber

*Mary Poppins and others by Pamela L. Travers
Master Cornhill by Eloise Jarvis McGraw
Master Skylark by John Bennett
Medal of Honor Heroes by Colonel Red Reeder
Mine for Keeps by Jean Little
Miracles on Maple Hill by Virginia Sorensen
Miss Happiness and Miss Flower by Rumer Godden
Moffats by Eleanor Estes
Moth Manor by Martha Bacon
*Mountain Born by Elizabeth Yates
*Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater
*Mr. Revere and I by Robert Lawson
Mr. Small and others by Lois Lenski
*Mrs. Frisby & the Rats of NIMH by Robert O'Brien (C)
Mrs. Piggle Wiggle and others by Betty MacDonald
My Daniel by Pam Conrad
My Indian Boyhood by Luther Standing Bear
*My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
*Myths of the World by Padraic Colum
*National Velvet by Enid Bagnold
*Niko, Sculptor's Apprentice by Isabelle Lawrence
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
*Odysseus the Wanderer by Aubrey De Selincourt
*Odyssey for Boys and Girls by Alfred J. Church
Old Bones The Wonder Horse by Mildred Mastin Pace
*Old Yeller by Fred Gipson
Outlet by Andy Adams
Owls in the Family by Farley Mowat
Paul Bunyan and His Blue Ox by Wallace Wadsworth
*Paul Bunyan by James Stevens
Peppermints in the Parlor by Barbara Wallace
Perilous Road by William O. Steele
*Peter Pan by James Barrie
*Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
Phoenix and the Carpet by Edith Nesbit
Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan (children's version)
Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi
*Pippi Longstocking and others by Astrid Lindgren
*Pollyanna by Eleanor Porter
Prairie Boy's Summer by William Kurelek
Prairie Boy's Winter by William Kurelek
Prairie School by Lois Lenski
Princess and Curdie by George McDonald
Princess and the Goblin by George McDonald
Problem With Pulcifer by Florence Parry Heide
Proud Taste for Scarlet & Miniver by E. L. Konigsburg
Pushcart War by Jean Merrill
Rabbit Hill by Robert Lawson
Railway Children by Edith Nesbit
Rainbow Garden by Patricia St. John
*Rascal by Sterling North (C)
*Rescuers series by Margery Sharp
Return to Gone-Away Lake by Elizabeth Enright

Ride the West Wind by Barbara Chamberlain
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
Roller Skates by Ruth Sawyer
*Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
Saturdays by Elizabeth Enright
Secret at Pheasant Cottage by Patricia St. John
*Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Seven Years From Home by Rose Blue
Seventeenth Swap by Eloise Jarvis McGraw
Shadrack by Meindert de Jong
*Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare (C)
Silver Chief: Dog of the North and others by Jack O'Brien
Singing Tree by Kate Seredy
*Skylark by Patricia MacLachlan
Smoky the Cowhorse by Will James
*Souder by William Armstrong
Spiderweb for Two by Elizabeth Enright
Star of Light by Patricia St. John
*Story of Dr. Doolittle and others by Hugh Lofting RA
Story of Holly and Ivy by Rumer Godden
*Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow by Allen French
Strawberry Girl and others by Lois Lenski
Striped Ships by Eloise Jarvis McGraw
*Stuart Little by E. B. White
Swallows & Amazons and others by Arthur Ransome
Sword and the Sundial by Phyllis Prokop
*Swords of the Vikings by Julia Davis Adams
*Tales from Shakespeare by Charles & Mary Lamb RA
*Tales from the Arabian Nights by H. J. Dawood
*Tales of the Arabian Nights by Andrew Lang
*Tales of Troy and Greece by Andrew Lang
*Tales of Uncle Remus retold by Julius Lester
Tanglewood Secrets by Patricia St. John
Thee, Hannah by Marguerite de Angeli
Then There Were Five by Elizabeth Enright
They Shall Be Mine by John Tallach
Thimble Summer by Elizabeth Enright
*This Dear Bought Land by Jean Lee Latham
Three Children and Shakespeare by Anne Terry White
Three Go Searching by Patricia St. John
Through the Looking Glass by Lewis Carroll RA
Time at the Top by Edward Ormondroyd
To Catch a Golden Ring by Marilyn Donahue
Tough Winter by Robert Lawson
Treasures of the Snow by Patricia St. John
Trial by Poison and other Trailblazer books by Dave and Neta Jackson
*Trumpet of the Swan by E. B. White
*Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
Turn Homeward, Hannalee by Patricia Beatty
Twenty One Balloons by William Pene DuBois
Twice Freed by Patricia St. John
*Uncle Remus and others by Joel Chandler Harris RA
Understood Betsy by Dorothy Canfield Fisher

- *Viking Tales by Jeannie Hall
- Vinegar Boy by Alberta Hawse
- *Voyage to Freedom by David Gay
- Way Things Work by David Macaulay
- Wharton & the Castaways by Russell Erickson
- What Katy Did and others by Susan Coolidge
- Wheel on the School by Meindert de Jong
- *Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
- Where the River Begins by Patricia St. John
- White Stag by Kate Seredy
- Why the Chisholm Trail Forks by Andy Adams
- *Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame **RA**
- *Winged Watchman and others by Hilda Van Stockum
- *Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne **RA**
- Wonderful Adventures of Nils by Selma Lagerlof
- *Wonderful Wizard of Oz and others by Frank Baum
- Yankee Doodle's Cousins by Anne Malcomson
- Year of the Black Pony and others by Walt Morey
- *Young Carthaginian, A Story of the Times of Hannibal by G. A. Henty

Intermediate Advanced Literature

- *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
- *Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
- *Boy's King Arthur by Sidney Lanier
- *Captains Courageous by Rudyard Kipling
- Captain Horatio Hornblower by C.S. Forester
- Complete Peterkin Papers by Lucretia Hale
- *Cricket on the Hearth by Charles Dickens
- Freckles by Gene Statton Porter
- *Girl of the Limberlost and others by Gene Statton Porter
- *Hans Brinker or the Silver Skates by Mary Mapes Dodge
- *Heidi by Joanna Spyri
- *Heroes by Charles Kingsley
- *Howard Pyle's Book of Pirates and others by Howard Pyle
- *Indispensible Information for Infants by Owen Wister
- Jim Davis by John Masefield
- *Jungle Books by Rudyard Kipling **RA**
- *Kidnapped and others by Robert Louis Stevenson, illustrated by Wyeth
- *Kim by Rudyard Kipling
- *Last of the Mohicans and others by James Fenimore Cooper
- *Little Men by Louisa May Alcott
- *Little Women and others by Louisa May Alcott
- Main-Travelled Roads and others by Hamlin Garland
- Masterman Ready by Frederick Marryat
- *Merry Adventures of Robin Hood by Howard Pyle
- Mr. Midshipman Easy by Frederick Marryat
- *Otto of the Silver Hand by Howard Pyle
- Penrod and others by Booth Tarkington
- *Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain
- *Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe
- *Story of King Arthur and His Knights by Howard Pyle

*Swiss Family Robinson by Johann Wyss
*Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson, illustrated by Wyeth
*Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea and others by Jules Verne
Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe
Water Babies by Charles Kingsley **RA**
*Westward Ho! by Charles Kingsley
Willis the Pilot by Johann Wyss

Lives of the Saints

*Saints for Youth: Vision Books Series *Ignatius Press* www.ignatius.com

Great Classics and Mythology

Theseus and the Minotaur
The Trojan Horse
Odysseus and the Cyclopes
Perseus and Medusa
The Labors of Hercules
Arachne's Tapestry
Icarus and Daedalus
Phaeton and the Chariot of the Sun
Persephone and Hades
Orpheus and Eurydice
King Midas and the Golden Touch
The Quest for the Golden Fleece