



LCA SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2011 (K5-12th Grades)



Dear LCA Parents,

LCA is instituting a summer reading program to encourage excellence in reading. Studies indicate that children in their early years who read, are read to, and own books perform better in the classroom and on tests than those who do not. LCA is committed to helping your students receive a superior education. Subsequently, our summer reading program will require your child to read at least one of the titles listed before he/she returns to school. **In August, students will be required to submit a brief essay of the contents of the required reading.** Remember, only one title is required. Students will be allowed to choose from the selection listed for the grade he/she will be entering this fall.

Your child's grade is listed as the one he/she will enter in the fall (example: students who have just finished 2nd grade follow the list for rising 3rd graders). Please encourage your student to read the Recommended List as well. These are great books that will improve your child's reading and enhance his/her life. Your participation in the "Read Alouds" will demonstrate your commitment to your child's/children's excellence in reading as well.

Additional ideas to encourage reading:

- Library & Ice Cream Night – The entire family goes to the library to choose books and then out to Dairy Queen for a cool reward.
- Outdoor blanket party – books, lemonade, and reading anywhere in the yard or on the porch
- Used bookstore treasure hunt – Whoever finds the best book for the cheapest price chooses the next read-aloud book.
- Reading caves – Make a corner of the room, closet, garage, or tree fort a reading hideout for your child/children.
- Set the timer to limit video games, TV, and computer play especially in the summer when we are most likely to lose track of their gaming time.

The sky is the limit for ways to encourage your child/children to love books; so have a great summer vacation and read, read, read!

Sincerely,

LCA Faculty/Administration

❖ **Rising K5**

Books to enjoy together: (Parents read aloud)	Title	Author
	<i>Make Way for Ducklings</i>	Robert McCloskey
	<i>Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel</i>	Virginia Lee Burton
	<i>Peter Rabbit (and other adventures)</i>	Beatrix Potter
	<i>Officer Buckle and Gloria</i>	Peggy Rathmann

❖ **Rising 1st Grade**

Books to enjoy together: (Parents read aloud)	Title	Author
	<i>Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears</i>	Verna Aardema
	<i>The Story of Ping</i>	Marjorie Flack
	<i>The Story of Dr. Doolittle</i>	Hugh Lofting
	<i>The House at Pooh Corner</i>	A.A. Milne

❖ **Rising 2nd Grade**

Required	Title	Author	Recommended	Title	Author
	<i>Frog and Toad All Year</i>	Lobel		<i>Uncle Elephant</i>	Lobel
	<i>Henry and Mudge, the First Book</i>	Rylant		<i>The Teeny Tiny Woman</i>	O'Connor
	<i>The Bravest Dog Ever</i>	Standiford	<i>Three Cheers for Tacky</i>	Lester	
Books to enjoy together: (Parents read aloud)	Title	Author		Title	Author
	<i>Mr. Popper's Penguins</i>			<i>Atwater</i>	
	<i>The Wonderful Wizard of Oz</i>			Baum	
	<i>My Father's Dragon</i>			Gannet	

❖ **Rising 3rd Grade**

Required	Title	Author	Recommended	Title	Author
	<i>The Whipping Boy</i>	Fleischman		<i>Encyclopedia Brown</i>	Sobol
	<i>Riding the Pony Express</i>	Bulla		<i>Emily's Runaway Imagination</i>	Cleary
	<i>The Fire Cat</i>	Averill	<i>Misty of Chincoteague</i>	Henry	
Books to enjoy together: (Parents read aloud)	Title	Author		Title	Author
	<i>The Cricket in Times Square</i>			<i>Selden</i>	
	<i>The Door in the Wall</i>			De Angeli	
	<i>The Twenty-One Balloons</i>			DuBois	

❖ Rising 4th Grade

Required

Title
The Courage of Sarah Noble
Ralph S. Mouse
Call of the Wild
 (Illustrated Classics version)

Author
 Dalgliesh
 Cleary
 London

Recommended

Title
The Matchlock Gun
The Cabin Faced West
Meet Thomas Jefferson
Phoebe the Spy

Author
 Edmonds
 Fritz
 Barrett
 Griffin

Books to enjoy together:
 (Parents read aloud)

Title
The Sign of the Beaver
Caddie Woodlawn
Strawberry Girl
My Side of the Mountain

Author
 Speare
 Brink
 Lenski
 George

❖ Rising 5th Grade

Required

Title
Sarah, Plain and Tall

The Wright Brothers
Old Yeller

Author
 MacLachlan

 Reynolds
 Gipson

Recommended

Title
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson
Detectives in Togas
By the Great Horn Spoon

Author
 Lord

 Winterfield
 Fleischman

Books to enjoy together:
 (Parents read aloud)

Title
The Land I Lost
The Master Puppeteer
Call It Courage
Johnny Tremain

Author
 Nhuong
 Paterson
 Sperry
 Forbes

❖ Rising 6th Grade

Required

Title
King of the Wind
Star of Light
Number the Stars

Author
 Henry
 St. John
 Lowry

Recommended

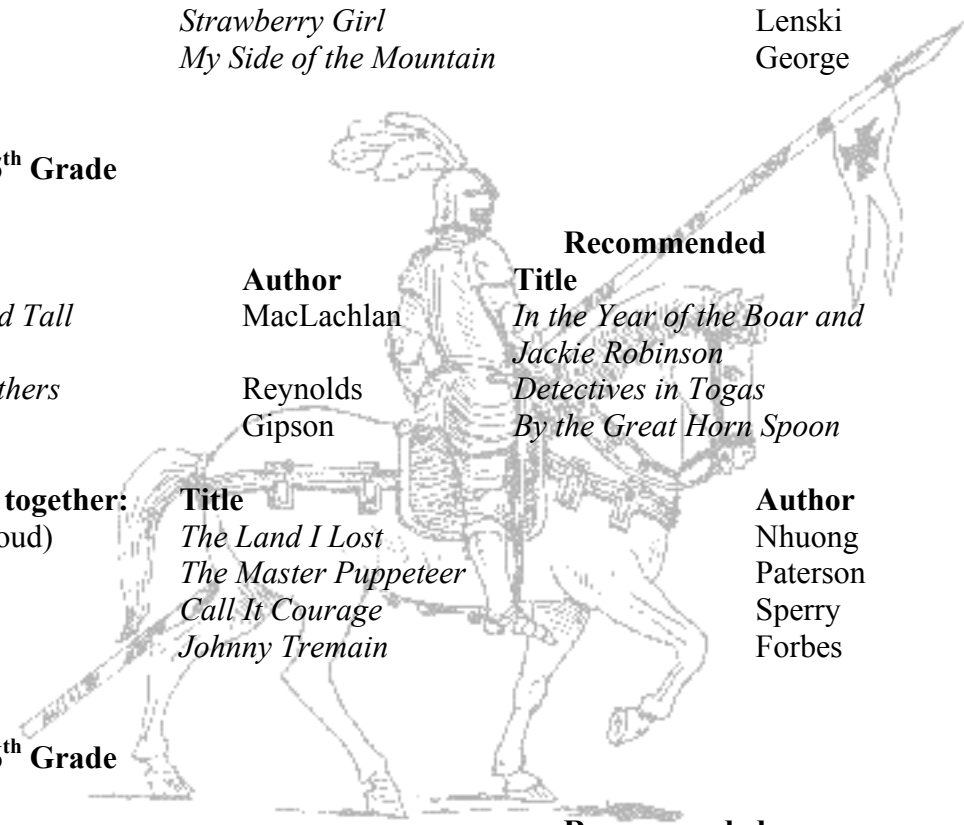
Title
The Shakespeare Stealer
The Horse and His Boy
Caddie Woodlawn

Author
 Blackwood
 C.S. Lewis
 Brink

Books to enjoy together:
 (Parents read aloud)

Title
The Hobbit
Roll of Thunder Hear, Hear My Cry
Cheaper by the Dozen
Kidnapped

Author
 J.R.R. Tolkien
 Taylor
 Gilbreth
 Stevenson



❖ Rising 7th Grade

Required

Title

Call It Courage
Adam of the Road
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

Author

Sperry
 Gray
 Baum

Recommended

Title

The Phantom Tollbooth
The Bronze Bow
Anne of Green Gables
Heidi

Author

Juster
 Speare
 Montgomery
 Spyer

❖ Rising 8th Grade

Required

Title

The Wind in the Willows
The Hobbit
A Wrinkle in Time

Author

Grahame
 JRR Tolkien
 L'Engle

Recommended

Title

Black Beauty
Caddie Woodlawn
Hans Brinker

Author

Sewell
 Brink
 Dodge

❖ Rising 9th Grade

Required

Title

The Prince and the Pauper
The Time Machine
Up from Slavery

Author

Twain
 Wells
 Washington

Recommended

Title

Oliver Twist
 "The Pearl"
 "The Necklace"
Everyman (drama)

Author

Dickens
 Steinbeck
 Maupassant
 Unknown

❖ Rising 10th Grade

Required

Title

Crazy Love
Tale of Two Cities
The Game

Author

Francis Chan
 Dickens
 London

Recommended

Title

Antigone
Lord of the Flies
Les Miserables

Author

Sophocles
 Golding
 Hugo

❖ Rising 11th Grade

Required

Title

Do Hard Things

Last of the Mohicans
House of Seven Gables

Author

Alex/ Brett
 Harris
 Cooper
 Hawthorne

Recommended

Title

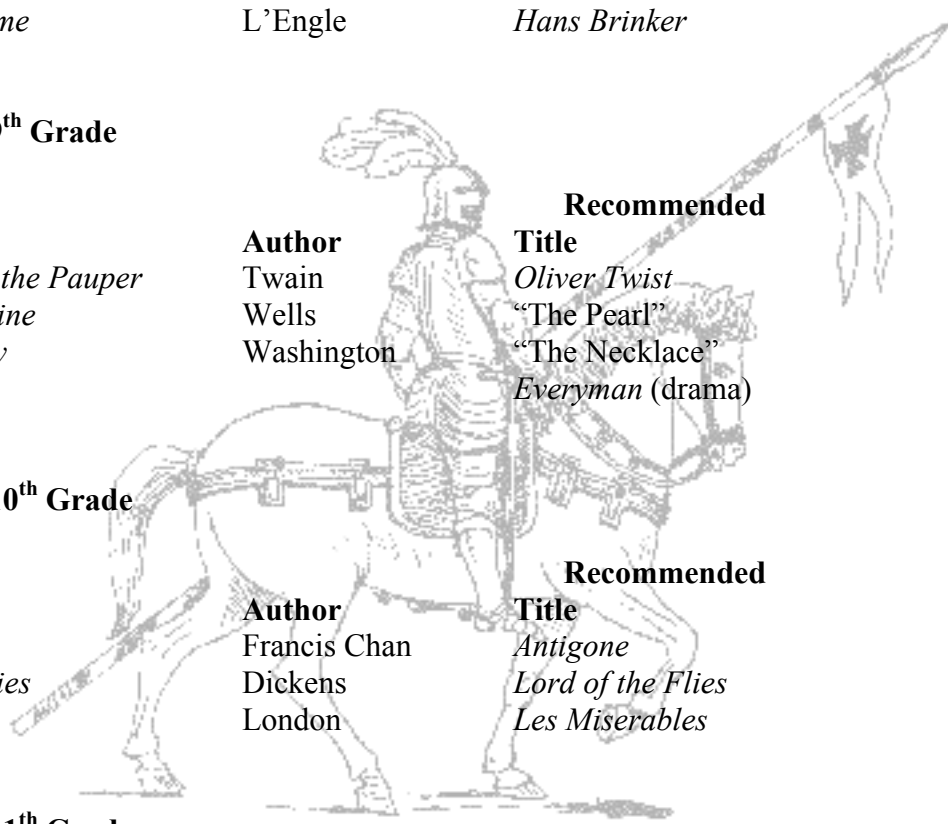
The Screwtape Letters

Hard Times

Author

Lewis

 Dickens



❖ Rising 12th Grade

Required

Title

The Faith

Romeo and Juliet

Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde

Author

Chuck Colson

Shakespeare

Stephenson

Recommended

Title

Great Expectations

Hamlet

Mere Christianity

Author

Dickens

Shakespeare

Lewis

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Required Reading:

Required

Title

Teaching to Change Lives

Author

Dr. Howard Hendricks

**If you have any questions regarding the above reading materials, please call the school office or address your concerns to Mr. Edge. We understand that classic literature may periodically contain slang or offensive language. LCA does not endorse the use of inappropriate language; however, we do believe that the literary content should not be overlooked due to the author's lapse in judgment.*

