

Book Suggestions for Parents



One of the greatest gifts we can give a child is the love of reading. Researcher Mariah Evans headed a 20-year, worldwide study that found “the presence of books in the home” to be the top predictor of whether a child will attain a high level of education. Why? Because the presence of books usually indicates that reading is valued. Nightly reading is a beautiful habit to instill in our children.

Here are a few titles you may want to read-aloud with your child at home during the course of his/her time at Ignite Academy (children of all ages may enjoy these titles when read aloud to them). You can research content and independent reading levels online. Be sure to email us your favorite read alouds and we will continue to update this list!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Box-Car Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Sarah, Plain and Tall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courage of Sarah Noble | <input type="checkbox"/> Secret Garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charlie and the Chocolate Factory | <input type="checkbox"/> Trumpet of the Swan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pippa Longstocking | <input type="checkbox"/> Raggedy Ann Stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hundred Dresses (middle school) | <input type="checkbox"/> The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reluctant Dragon | <input type="checkbox"/> Matilda |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mouse and the Motorcycle | <input type="checkbox"/> The Rescuers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wonder | <input type="checkbox"/> The Water Horse (middle school) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Tale of Three Trees | <input type="checkbox"/> The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Beauty (middle school) | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Stanley |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indian in the Cupboard | <input type="checkbox"/> How to Eat Fried Worms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Borrowers | <input type="checkbox"/> My Father's Dragon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Bow (middle school) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mercy Watson series |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cheaper by the Dozen | <input type="checkbox"/> The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls Series |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dear Mr. Henshaw | <input type="checkbox"/> In Grandma's Attic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Little House in the Big Woods | <input type="checkbox"/> Ballet Shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Poppins | <input type="checkbox"/> Caddie Woodlawn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heidi | <input type="checkbox"/> Shiloh |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Piggle Wiggle | <input type="checkbox"/> The Railway Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Old Yeller | <input type="checkbox"/> Lassie Come Home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Where the Red Fern Grows | <input type="checkbox"/> Harriet the Spy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pollyanna | |

Here are some sites you can access for more at-home reading lists:

<https://biblicalhomeschooling.org/classical/celoop/1000.html>

https://media.focusonthefamily.com/topicinfo/summer_reading_list.pdf

<https://simplycharlottesmason.com/planning/curriculum-guide/literature/>

Ignite Academy Read-Alouds by Grade Level

We are very intentional about sharing a rich variety of quality and timeless literature with our children at school. These are some of the books we will be sharing during our daily read-aloud times. **If possible, avoid reading some of these titles at home during the year they are introduced.** Learners enjoy them even more if they are hearing them for the first time!

Kindergarten

Madeline, Frog and Toad series, The Most Beautiful Tree, Tale of Peter Rabbit, The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies, Donovan's Word Jar, The Bravest Dog Ever, Somebody Loves You Mr. Hatch, You Are Special

First Grade

Mr. Popper's Penguins, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, Little House on the Prairie, Anne of Green Gables

Second Grade

James and the Giant Peach, Stuart Little, Charlotte's Web, Frindle, Peter Pan, The Magic Tree House, Gooney Bird Greene

Third Grade

Because of Winn Dixie, The Whipping Boy, Magician's Nephew, The BFG, Stone Fox, Dymonde Daniel, The Cricket in Times Square, The World According to Humphrey, The One and Only Ivan

Fourth Grade

Robinson Crusoe, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, Number the Stars, The Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe, Sarah Plain and Tall, Wind and the Willows, Tiger Rising

Middle School

The Prince and the Pauper, Crispin, Prince Caspian, The Bridge to Terabithia, Pilgrim's Progress, Daniel's Story, Oliver Twist, Single Shard, Voyage of the Dawn Treader, The Giver

