



Washington Montessori School

Suggestions for Summer Reading 2007

Notes to Parents of Upper Elementary Students

As you and your child plan activities for the summer, remember to make time for reading. We have good public libraries in our area, and browsing in a library or a bookstore when away on vacation can be an interesting and pleasant experience for the whole family.

The following list of books is just a place to start your search, and is a work in progress. Let us know of any 'discoveries' you and your child come upon that should be included.

We recommend that you ask a teacher or a librarian for a brief description of any of the books on the list. You can also read descriptions by **accessing your library online** and going to the library catalogue, or consulting a bookseller..

Finally, some suggestions to consider:

Continue to read aloud to your child even though he or she reads independently. As you know, children can understand and enjoy listening to (and discussing) books that they may not yet be able to read themselves. Your continued interest in their reading is still important to their development as fluent and thoughtful readers.

Use audio tapes or CDs (available from local libraries) during car trips. Again, children and adults can enjoy listening to some of the same books. Hearing the same material can engender good family discussions.

Let your child choose books he or she wants to read, even if they appear too hard or easy to you. Encourage your child to ask a librarian for recommendations - they are usually able to make a good 'match.'

***This list is also available on our website
www.washingtonmontessori.org***

Enjoy...

Aiken, Joan	<u>Wolves of Willoughby Chase</u>
Alexander, Lloyd	<u>Book of Three</u> et al.
Armstrong, William	<u>Souder</u>
Avi	<u>Good Dog; Perloo the Bold;</u> <u>The Secret School</u> et al.
Banks, Lynne R.	<u>Adventures of King Midas; I, Houdini</u>
Babbitt, Natalie	<u>Tuck Everlasting; The Search for Delicious</u>
Brink, Carol	<u>Caddie Woodlawn</u>
Brittain, Bill	<u>The Wish Giver</u> <u>Dr. Dredd's Wagon of Wonders</u>
Brock, Betty	<u>No Flying in the House</u>
Burnford, Sheila	<u>The Incredible Journey</u>
Byars, Betsy	<u>Summer of the Swans</u>
Butterworth, Oliver	<u>The Enormous Egg</u>
Cooper, Susan	<u>The Boggart</u>
Creech, Sharon	<u>The Wanderer</u>
DiCamillo, Kate	<u>The Tale of Despereaux</u>
DeJong, Meindert	<u>The House of the Sixty Fathers</u> <u>The Wheel on the School</u>
Eager, Edward	<u>Half Magic</u>
Eckert, Allan	<u>Incident at Hawk Hill</u>
Edwards, Julie Andrews	<u>The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles</u>
Erdrich, Louise	<u>The Game of Silence</u>
Funke, Cornelia	<u>The Thief Lord, Dragon Rider,</u> et al.

Garfield, James B.	<u>Follow My Leader</u>
George, Jean Craighead	<u>Frightful's Mountain</u> <u>My Side of the Mountain</u> et al.
Graham, Kenneth	<u>The Wind in the Willows</u>
Hamilton, Virginia	<u>House of Dies Drear</u> et al.
Henry, Marguerite	<u>Black Gold;</u> <u>Misty of Chincoteague</u> <u>King of the Wind</u>
Hill, Kirkpatrick	<u>Toughboy and Sister;</u> <u>Winter Camp</u>
Horvath, Polly	<u>Everything on a Waffle</u>
Juster, Norman	<u>The Phantom Tollbooth</u>
Konigsberg, E. L.	<u>From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E.</u> <u>Frankweiler</u>
Lawson, Robert	<u>Ben and Me;</u> <u>Rabbit Hill</u>
L'Engle, Madeleine	<u>A Wrinkle in Time</u>
Lewis, C.S.	<u>The Chronicles of Narnia</u>
Lowry, Lois	<u>Gooney Bird Green;</u> <u>The Giver</u>
Mac Donald, Betty	<u>Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle</u>
Naylor, Phyllis	<u>Shiloh</u> et al.
Nesbit, E.	<u>Five Children and It</u>
Nixon, Joan	<u>Orphan Train series</u>
O'Brien, Robert	<u>Mrs. Frisbie and the Rats of NIMH</u>
O'Dell, Scott	<u>Sing Down the Moon</u> <u>Island of the Blue Dolphins</u>
Paulsen, Gary	<u>Hatchet;</u> <u>The Winter Room</u> <u>Harris and Me</u> et al.

Ransome, Arthur	<u>Swallows and Amazons</u>
Rawls, Wilson	<u>Where the Red Fern Grows</u>
Roberts, Willow Davis	<u>The Magic Book</u>
Rowling, J.K.	<u>Harry Potter et al.</u>
Sachar, Louis	<u>Holes</u>
Speare, Elizabeth	<u>Sign of the Beaver et al.</u>
Steig, William	<u>Dominic</u>
White, E.B.	<u>Trumpet of the Swan; Charlotte's Web</u>
Yep, Laurence	<u>The Star Fisher et al.</u>

POETRY

Creech, Sharon	<u>Love That Dog</u>
Elledge, Scott	<u>Wider than the Sky: Poems to Grow Up With</u>
Fleischman, Paul	<u>Joyful Noise; I am Phoenix</u>
Greenberg, Jan	<u>Heart to Heart</u>
Kennedy, Caroline	<u>A Family of Poems</u>
Rosen, Michael	<u>Classic Poetry: An Illustrated Collection</u>
Hall, Donald	<u>Oxford Book of Children's Verse in America</u>
Harrison, Michael	<u>Oxford Treasury of Children's Poems</u>
Stevenson, Robert Louis	<u>A Child's Garden of Verses</u>
Williams, Vera B.	<u>Amber Was Brave, Essie Was Smart</u>

Specific titles will be added to the list at a later date, but consider including something from these categories this summer:

Mythology (of all cultures), Biography and History