



UPPER SCHOOL SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Upper School is taking a new approach to summer reading this year. Our goal is to encourage reading for pleasure while also deepening students' engagement with our shared literary culture and sparking meaningful conversations when we return in the fall. To that end, we have curated a classical reading list that students may browse and select from at their leisure. Students are encouraged to choose titles that genuinely interest them and enjoy the experience of reading over the summer.

Each book from the list that a student reads will earn points for their House in the House System. We look forward to seeing which Houses rise to the challenge and to hearing the conversations these books inspire in the coming year.

Classical Reading List (Grades 6-10)

Students may select books from the list below. More challenging works are worth more points.

2
points

- The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – C. S. Lewis
- The Wind in the Willows – Kenneth Grahame
- A Little Princess – Frances Hodgson Burnett
- The Railway Children – E. Nesbit
- The Book of Norse Myths – D'Aulaires

4-5
points

- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer – Mark Twain (4)
- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn – Mark Twain (5)
- The Call of the Wild – Jack London (4)
- The Swiss Family Robinson – Johann David Wyss (4)
- The Story of King Arthur and His Knights – Howard Pyle (4)
- The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood – Howard Pyle (4)
- Little Women – Louisa May Alcott (5)
- Kidnapped – Robert Louis Stevenson (5)

6-7
points

- The Hobbit – J. R. R. Tolkien (6)
- Jane Eyre – Charlotte Brontë (7)
- The Red Badge of Courage – Stephen Crane (7)
- A Tale of Two Cities – Charles Dickens (7)
- The Once and Future King – T. H. White (7)

9-10
points

- Great Expectations – Charles Dickens (9)
- Moby-Dick – Herman Melville (10)
- Les Misérables – Victor Hugo (10)
- Crime and Punishment – Fyodor Dostoevsky (10)
- Prometheus Bound – Aeschylus (10)