

OCCA Summer Reading List

The Barney Charter School Initiative believes that summer break should center around family and leisure. It is a time for students to rest and rejuvenate for the coming year. With that said, many parents have asked us to provide a quality book list for their students to read during the summer. Below is an extensive book list that will extend what was taught during the year. The grade-level based categories are suggestions. Your student may also read books from previous grade levels. For example, if your student started OCCA as a fourth grader, he/she may read the books that were read from kindergarten through third grade. For quick reference, a list of the literature read in each grade level is on page four of this document.

Primary Grades: K-3rd

Make Way for Ducklings, Robert McKloskey
Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes
Green Eggs and Ham, *The Cat in the Hat*,
Bartholomew and the Oobleck, Dr. Seuss
Frog and Toad, Arnold Lobel
Little Bear, Else Holmelund Minarik
Danny & the Dinosaur, Syd Hoff
Mouse Soup, Arnold Lobel
Corduroy, Don Freeman
Paddington Bear, Michael Bond
Winnie the Pooh, A.A. Milne
Now We Are Six, A.A. Milne
When We Were Very Young, A.A. Milne
Mike Mulligan, Virginia Lee Burton
Dr. De Soto, William Steig
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble, William Steig
Blueberries for Sal, Robert McKloskey
Babar, Jean de Brunhoff
The Nutcracker
Henry & Mudge, Cynthia Rylant
Amelia Bedelia, Herman Parish
The Magic Tree House series, Mary Pope Osborne
The Boxcar Children series, Gertrude Chandler Warner
Encyclopedia Brown, Donald J. Sobol
Childhood of Famous Americans series, various authors
The Secret Soldier, Ann McGovern
The Sword in the Tree, Clyde Robert Bulla
Little House Series, Laura Ingalls Wilder
Stuart Little and Trumpet of the Swan, E.B. White
The Mouse and the Motorcycle, Beverly Cleary
Roald Dahl Books
The Thirteen Clocks, James Thurber
Sarah, Plain and Tall, Patricia MacLachlan
Mr. Poppers Penguins, Richard Atwater
The Thirteen Clocks, James Thurber
The Courage of Sarah Noble, Alice Dalgliesh
Titles within the *Classic Starts* series
Who Was? and What Is? America series, various titles

Upper Elementary

The Tale of Despereaux, Kate DiCamillo
Fortunately the Milk, Neil Gaiman
Calico Captive, Elizabeth George Speare
Snow Treasure, Marie McSwigan
A Wrinkle in Time, Madeline L'Engle
Misty of Chincoteague Island, Marguerite Henry
The Black Stallion, Walter Farley
The Little Prince, Antoine de Saint-Exupery
Where the Red Fern Grows, Wilson Rawls
Benjamin West and his Cat Grimalkin, Marguerite Henry
The Reluctant Dragon, Kenneth Grahame
Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry, Mildred D. Taylor
Bed-Knob and Broomstick, Mary Norton
Little Lord Fauntleroy, Frances Hodgson Burnett
Anne of Green Gables Series or *Emily of New Moon* Series, L.M. Montgomery
Old Yeller, Fred Gipson
Heidi, Johanna Spyri
The Black Arrow, Robert Lewis Stevenson
The Yearling, Kinnan Rawlings
The Cricket in Times Square, George Selden
The Indian in the Cupboard, Lynne Reid Banks
A Little Princess, Frances Hodgson Burnett
Mary Poppins, P.L. Travers
Matilda, Roald Dahl
Five Little Peppers, Margaret Sidney
Doctor Doolittle, Hugh Lofting
Pippi Longstocking, Astrid Lindgren
Winged Watchman, Johanna Spyri
Justin Morgan Had a Horse, Marguerite Henry
Shiloh, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Caddie Woodlawn, Carol Ryrie Brink
Cheaper by the Dozen, Ernestine Gilbreth Carey
The Door in the Wall, Marguerite De Angeli
Ballet Shoes, Neal Streatfield
Silver Skates, Mary Dodge
My Father's Dragon, Ruth Stiles Gannett
The Phantom Tollbooth, Norton Juster
Across Five Aprils, Irene Hunt
The Borrowers, Mary Norton
The Little White Horse, Elizabeth Goudge
The Blue Cat of Castle Town, Catherine Cate Coblenz
Titles within the *Great Illustrated Classics* series

Middle School

My Side of the Mountain, Jean Craighead George
Little Men, Louisa May Alcott
White Fang, Jack London
Redwall Series, Brian Jacques
Captains Courageous, Rudyard Kipling
The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien
Oliver Twist, Charles Dickens
Watership Down, Richard Adams
The Last of the Mohicans, James Fennimore Cooper
Princess and Curdie, George MacDonald
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm, Kate Douglas Wiggin
The Lord of the Rings Trilogy, J.R.R. Tolkien
The Trumpeter of Krakow, Eric P. Kelly
Ben Hur, Lew Wallace
Willie Wonka, James & the Giant Peach, Fantastic Mr. Fox, Roald Dahl
Nancy Drew, Carolyn Keen
The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Victor Hugo
Ivanhoe, Sir Walter Scott
Jane Eyre, Charlotte Bronte
Hardy Boys, Eric P. Kelly
The Hidden Treasure of Glaston, Eleanore M. Jewett
The Little Maid series, Alice Turner Curtis
Frankenstein, Mary Shelley
The Red Badge of Courage, Stephen Crane
Treasure Island, Robert Louis Stevenson

Entering Ninth Grade

My Antonia, Willa Cather
Billy Budd, Herman Melville
The Old Man and the Sea, Ernest Hemingway
Mythology, Edith Hampton

Entering Tenth Grade

The Clouds, Aristophanes
Odes, Horace
Georgics, Virgil
The Oresteia, Aeschylus
The Women of Troy, Euripides
Metamorphoses, Ovid
Greek Lyric Poetry of Sapho, Xenophanes,
Archilochus, etc.

Entering Eleventh Grade

Gulliver's Travels, Jonathan Swift
The Picture of Dorian Gray, Oscar Wilde
The Importance of Being Earnest, Oscar Wilde
Whose Body? Dorothy Sayers
Wuthering Heights, Emily Bronte
All the King's Men, Robert Penn Warren
Of Mice and Men, John Steinbeck
And Then There Were None, Agatha Christie

Entering Twelfth Grade

A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court, Mark Twain
Murder in the Cathedral, T.S. Eliot
The Brothers Karamazov, Fyodor Dostoevsky

In addition to the titles listed above, any high school student may consider reading a book from the senior thesis book list below.

Senior Thesis Book List

Aeschylus, *Agamemnon*, *The Eumenides*, *The Libation Bearers*, *Prometheus Bound*
Apollonius, *On Conic Sections*
Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, *On the Soul*, *Organon*, *Physics*, *Poetics*, *Politics*
Augustine, *Confessions*
Austen, *Emma*, *Pride and Prejudice*
Bacon, *Novum Organum*
Beowulf
The Bible, selected books
Blake, selected poems
Boethius, *The Consolation of Philosophy*
Bohr, *Atomic Theory and the Description of Nature*
Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*
Cather, *Death Comes for the Archbishop*, *My Antonia*
Cervantes, *Don Quixote*
Chaucer, *The Canterbury Tales*
Chekhov, selected short stories
Cicero, *On Duties*
Coleridge, "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner"
Conrad, *Heart of Darkness*
Constitution of the United States
Copernicus, *Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres*
Crane, *The Red Badge of Courage*
Dante, *The Divine Comedy*
Darwin, *The Origin of Species*
De Broglie, *Matter and Light: The New Physics*
Declaration of Independence
Descartes, *Discourse on Method*, *Geometry*, *Meditations on First Philosophy*
Dickens, *David Copperfield*, *Great Expectations*, *A Tale of Two Cities*
Dickinson, selected poems
Donne, selected poems
Douglas, Lincoln, *Debates*
Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*
Dostoyevsky, *Crime and Punishment*, *The Brothers Karamazov*
Einstein, *Relativity: The Special and General Theory*
Eliot, "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock," "The Waste Land"
Emerson, *Essays*
Epictetus, *Manual*
Euclid, *Elements*
Euripides, *Bacchae*, *Medea*, *Hippolytus*

Fabre, *Souvenirs entomologiques*
 Faulkner, *Go Down, Moses*
 Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*
 Flaubert, *Madame Bovary*
 Franklin, *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*
 Frost, selected poems
 Galileo, *Two New Sciences*
 Gibbon, *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*
 Goethe, *Faust*
 Hamilton, Madison, and Jay, *The Federalist Papers*
 Hawthorne, *The Scarlet Letter*
 Hegel, *Elements of the Philosophy of Right, Lectures on the Philosophy of History*
 Heisenberg, *Physics and Philosophy*
 Hemingway, *The Old Man and the Sea, The Sun Also Rises*
 Herodotus, *Histories*
 Hesiod, *Theogony, Works and Days*
 Hobbes, *Leviathan*
 Homer, *The Iliad, The Odyssey*
 Hopkins, selected poems
 Huxley, *Brave New World*
 Ibsen, *A Doll's House*
 Ishiguro, *The Remains of the Day*
 James, *The Portrait of a Lady, Washington Square*
 Joyce, *Dubliners, Ulysses*
 Kafka, *The Metamorphosis*
 Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*
 Keats, selected poems
 Kepler, *Astronomia Nova*
 Lavoisier, *Elements of Chemistry*
 Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*
 Lewis, *The Abolition of Man*
 Livy, *Books from the Foundation of the City*
 Locke, "A Letter Concerning Toleration," *Second Treatise of Government*
 Lucretius, *On the Nature of Things*
 Machiavelli, *The Prince*
 Magna Carta
 Malory, *Le Morte D'Arthur*
 Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*
 Marlowe, *Doctor Faustus*
 Marx, *The Communist Manifesto*
 Maupassant, selected short stories
 Melville, *Moby-Dick*
 Milton, *Paradise Lost*
 Montaigne, *Essays*
 Montesquieu, *The Spirit of the Laws*
 More, *Utopia*
 Newton, *Principia*
 Nietzsche, *Beyond Good and Evil*
 O'Connor, selected short stories
 Orwell, *1984*
 Ovid, *Metamorphoses*
 Pascal, *Pensées*
 Plato, *Apology, Crito, Gorgias, Meno, Phaedo, Phaedrus, Republic, Symposium, Theaetetus, Timaeus*
 Plutarch, *Parallel Lives*
 Poe, selected short stories
 Polybius, *Histories*
 Pre-Socratics, various fragments
 Proust, *In Search of Lost Time*
 Ptolemy, *Almagest*
 Racine, *Phèdre*
 Remarque, *All Quiet on the Western Front*
 Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality, Discourse on the Sciences and the Arts, On the Social Contract*
 Schrödinger, *What is Life?*
 Shakespeare, *Coriolanus, Hamlet, Henry V, Julius Caesar, King Lear, Macbeth, The Merchant of Venice, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Much Ado About Nothing, Othello, Romeo and Juliet, The Tempest, Twelfth Night*, sonnets, et. al.
 Shelley, Mary, *Frankenstein*
 Shelley, Percy Bysshe, selected poems
Sir Gawain and the Green Knight
 Smith, *Wealth of Nations*
 Solzhenitsyn, *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*
Song of Roland
 Sophocles, *Oedipus Rex, Oedipus at Colonus, and Antigone*
 Steinbeck, *The Grapes of Wrath*
 Stevens, selected poems
 Swift, *Gulliver's Travels*
 Tacitus, *Annals*
 Tennyson, selected poems
 Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*
 Thoreau, *Walden*
 Thucydides, *History of the Peloponnesian War*
 Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*
 Tolkien, *The Lord of the Rings*
 Tolstoy, *Anna Karenina, The Death of Ivan Ilych, War and Peace*
 Turgenev, *Fathers and Sons*
 Twain, *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*
 Virgil, *The Aeneid*
 Warren, *All the King's Men*
 Wharton, *The Age of Innocence*
 Waugh, *Brideshead Revisited*
 Whitman, *Leaves of Grass*
 Wiesel, *Night*
 Wordsworth, selected poems

Literature Read in Kindergarten

*Three Billy Goats
Goldilocks
Three Little Pigs
The Wolf and the Seven Little Kids
Aesop's Fables
Red Riding Hood
King Midas
Beatrix Potter
The Velveteen Rabbit
The Legend of Jumping Mouse
How Many Spots?
Tug-of-War
Snow White
Cinderella
Casey Jones
Momotaro
Bremen Town Musicians
Chicken Little
Little Red Hen
Ugly Duckling
American Tall Tales
Winnie-the-Pooh*

Literature Read in First Grade

*Frog Prince
Hansel and Gretel
Thumbelina (& variations)
Beatrix Potter stories
Cinderella (& variations)
Jack and the Beanstalk
Pied Piper
Pinocchio (novel)
Princess & the Pea
Rapunzel
Aesop's Fables
Puss-in-Boots
Br'er Rabbit
Rumpelstiltskin
Sleeping Beauty
The Little Hero of Holland
House at Pooh Corner
Why the Owl has Big Eyes
Lon Po Po
Little Red Riding Hood
The Little Half-Chick
All Stories are Anansi's
The Crowded, Noisy House*

Literature Read in Second Grade

*Charlotte's Web
Magic Paintbrush
Fisherman and His Wife
Beauty and the Beast
Greek Mythology
Tongue-Sparrow
Christmas Carol
How the Camel Got His Hump
Peter Pan
Iktomi Stories
Tall Tales
Talk
Sign of the Beaver
Emperor's New Clothes
El Pajaro Cu
Tiger, Brahman & Jackal*

Literature Read in Third Grade

*Arabian Nights
Black Beauty
Greek and Roman Mythology
Norse Mythology
The Princess and the Goblin
The Hunting of the Great Bear
Farmer Boy
Gone is Gone
The People Could Fly
Three Words of Wisdom
William Tell
The Little Match Girl
The Jungle Book*

Literature Read in Fourth Grade

*Wonderful Chuang Brocade
Treasure Island
King Arthur
Saint George & the Dragon
Robin Hood
Fire on the Mountain
Johnny Tremain
Anne of Green Gables
Rip Van Winkle
Sleepy Hollow*

Literature Read in Fifth Grade

*Secret Garden
Tales from Shakespeare
Wind in the Willows
The Samurai's Daughter
Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Frederick Douglass
Alice in Wonderland
Sherlock Holmes*

*Coyote Goes to the Land of the Dead
The Sun Dance*

Literature Read in Sixth Grade

*Classical Mythology
Children's Homer
Prince and the Pauper
Scarlet Pimpernel
Count of Monte Cristo*

Literature Read in Seventh Grade

*Fahrenheit 451
Cyrano de Bergerac
Christmas Carol
Call of the Wild
Romeo & Juliet
Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde*

Literature Read in Eighth Grade

*To Kill a Mockingbird
Lord of the Flies
Robinson Crusoe
Much Ado About Nothing*

Literature Read in Ninth Grade

*The Iliad
The Odyssey
The Oedipus Cycle
The Aeneid
Julius Caesar*

Literature Read in Tenth Grade

*Beowulf
Canterbury Tales
Macbeth
Tale of Two Cities
Paradise Lost
Pride & Prejudice*

Literature Read in Eleventh Grade

*Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
Moby Dick
The Scarlett Letter*

Literature Read in Twelfth Grade

*Crime and Punishment
Hamlet
Heart of Darkness
The Metamorphosis*