

## ***Classical Summer Reading List with Activities***

***Parents: Scholars have a summer assignment to continue to feed their imagination and to prepare them to enter their new year of studies. Most grades are being asked to read 2 books and do an activity. The required reading assignment is marked and the second book is your choice between/among the other listed books. Books can be borrowed from the library or purchased from Amazon or another source to keep these wonderful stories around your home for future reference. Please bring the required activity to school on the first day. We look forward to sharing this experience as a class!***

Entering Grade Kindergarten: *Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile* by Tomie dePaola (required)

**Project:** Draw a picture of the Nile with at least 3 landmarks  
*Voices of Ancient Egypt* by Kay Winters (read aloud)  
*Mummies in the Morning* (Magic Treehouse #3)  
by Mary Pope Osborne (read aloud)

Entering Grade 1: *The Gods and Goddesses of Olympus* by Aliko (required)

**Project:** Pick a god or goddess that interests you and draw a picture or color one you have printed. Write 5 words that describe your god or goddess.  
*Greek Mythology Coloring Book for Kids!* By Bold Illustrations  
*The Empty Pot* by Demi

Entering Grade 2: *Roman Tales: The Goose Guards* by Terry Deary OR  
*Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit (required - one of the two)

**Project:** Create a diorama of an important scene from one of your books.  
*What the Romans Did For Us* by Alison Hawes  
*The Empty Pot* by Demi

Entering Grade 3: *The Elephant from Baghdad* by Mary Tavenor Holmes (required)

**Project:** Write a letter to a character from this book.  
*The Knight and the Dragon* by Tomie dePaola  
*Prince Martin Wins His Sword* by Brandon Hale

Entering Grade 4: This grade has a choice for required reading and project (one or the other)

*The Renaissance Explorers: With History Projects for Kids*

By Alicia Z. Klepels

**Project:** Make a movie poster of your favorite explorer, OR,  
*Who Became Famous During the Renaissance?* by Baby Professor

**Project:** Choose two characters from this book and write a Tweet  
to both asking something about their time period.

(A Tweet has only 280 characters, which includes the spaces)

Entering Grade 5: *Johnny Appleseed* by Steven Kellogg

*Paul Bunyan and other Tall Tales* by Jane B. Mason

(required -Choose one of the above to complete ONE of the following  
projects)

**Project:** Write a tall tale of your own and draw a picture. Your tale should be  
one page long at least.

**Project:** Or, write an epilogue, which will be a paragraph relating what  
happens to a character a year from where the book ends. This  
should be one page long as well.

Entering Grade Six: *Cat of Bubastes* by G.A. Henty (required)

\*required project

**Project:** Make a picture dictionary using at least 20 new vocabulary words  
from your reading. You will make an entry for each word that has  
the pronunciation, part of speech, definition(s) and a sample  
sentence. Then draw a picture for the word.

\*Optional project you may complete as well

**Project:** Write a summary of the book using an inanimate (not alive) object  
from the story as your teller. For example, a table might briefly give  
a summary from its perspective.

\*Choose 2 others to read

*Great Ancient Egypt Projects You Can Build Yourself*

by Carmella Van Vleet

*Cleopatra* by Diane Stanley

*Roman Diary: The Journal of Iliona Young Slave*

by Richard Platt

*St. Paul the Apostle* by Mary Fabyan Windeatt

*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis

Entering Grade Seven: *The White Stag* by Kate Seredy (Attila) (required)

\*Choose one project to complete

**Project:** Write a summary of the book using an inanimate (not alive) object from the story as your teller. For example, a table might briefly give a summary from its perspective.

**Project:** Create a picture timeline placing major characters from your reading in the correct decade with a symbol that defines them.

\*Choose 2 others to read

*Augustine Came to Kent* by Barbara Williard

*Son of Charlemagne* by Barbara Williard

*The Midwife's Apprentice* by Karen Cushman

Entering Grade Eight: Master will choose the book for you from the list below.

*The Scarlet Letter*

*The Last of the Mohicans*

*The Call of the Wild*

*Little Women*

*My Brother Sam is Dead*

**Project:** Timeline Christopher Columbus to the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. Master will provide parameters.