



2024 Summer Reading Olympics

Summer Reading Olympics is a tradition that students have participated in since the school's inaugural year. Its purpose is to encourage students to read during the summer break. This summer we would **expect** all students in the grammar school, grades K-6th to participate in this fun and meaningful event. Please see the next page for details.

1. Read every day!

Parents may read books aloud to rising Kindergarten and 1st-grade students. Family read-alouds in all grades are also encouraged and can be added to books read independently.

2. Fill in your reading log and have your parents sign it!

3. Keep your log in a safe place.

*When your reading log is totally filled in, save it until school starts.
(If you need more space, just add a sheet of paper.)*

4. **All reading logs are due the first week of school.**

5. Visit the local library to get new books!

6. Be a WINNER!

Gold Medal Winner: K-2 read 45 books or more OR 1000 pages or more
3-5 read 2,000 pages or more
6 read 3,000 pages or more

Silver Medal Winner: K-2 read 30-44 books OR 750 pages or more
3-5 read 1,500-1,999 pages
6 read 2,500-2,999 pages

Bronze Medal Winner: K-2 read 15-29 books OR 500 pages or more
3-5 read 1,000-1,499 pages
6 read 2,000- 2,499 pages

7. Prizes for WINNERS!

Gold Medal Winners: A gold medal! 2 coupon books*, Ice Cream Sundae Party!

Silver Medal Winner: A silver medal! 1 coupon book*, Ice Cream Sundae Party!

Bronze Medal Winner: A bronze medal! Ice Cream Sundae Party!

* The coupon book contains coupons for special privileges at Veritas, like "No homework" pass, extra recess time, special treats, and LOTS MORE!!!

Grammar School Book Recommendations by Grade Level

During a student's education at Veritas Classical School, they will be exposed to many genres of quality literature. Throughout the summer, we recommend that parents spend time reading aloud, especially to kindergarten and first grade children, but children are never too young to be read to! Children in higher grade levels are expected to read on their own, aloud to their parents or other siblings, and be read to. We would like to offer the following book recommendations to assist you in developing a love for reading in your child.

Rising Kindergarten

A New Coat for Anna by Harriet Ziefert
Annie and the Wild Animals by Jan Brett
Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown
Bread and Jam for Frances by Russell Hoban
Dandelion by Don Freeman
Ferdinand by Munro Leaf
Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson
Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion
If you Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Joffe Numeroff
Jesse Bear What Will You Wear? Nancy White Carlstrom
Katie and the Sunflowers by James Mayhew
Katy No-Pocket by Emmy Payne
Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus
Little Bear by Else Homelund
Minarik Little Fur Family by Margaret Wise Brown
Make Way for the Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney
Moon: A Peek Through Picture Book by Britta Teckentrup
Nighty Night Cooper by Laura Numeroff
Norman the Doorman by Don Freeman
One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss
Over and Under the Pond by Kate Messner
Owl Babies by Martin Waddell
Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy E Shaw
Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
Stone Soup by Marcia Brown
Swimmy by Leo Lionni
The Carrot Seed by Robert Kraus
The Cock, The Mouse, and The Little Red Hen by Lorinda Bryan Cauley
The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper
The Little Pokey Puppy by Janette Sebring Lowrey
The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown
The Story about Ping by Marjorie Flack
The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens
Where Does the Butterfly Go When it Rains? By May Garelick
Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne

Rising 1st Grade

A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams

A New Coat for Anna by Harriet Ziefert

Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (and others in the series) by Laura Joffe Numeroff

James Herriot's Treasury for Children by James Herriot

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes

The Emperor's New Clothes by Han Christian Andersen

The Little Engine that Could by Watty Piper

The Magic Fish by Freya Littledale

The Original Mother Goose by Blanche Fisher Wright (illustrator)

The Story of Ping by Marjorie Flack/Kurt Weise

Frogs by Gail Gibbons

Butterflies by Nic Bishop

Any books by Eric Carle, Jan Brett, and Leo Lionni

Corduroy series by Don Freeman

Curious George series by H.A. Rey

Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant

Little Bear series by Else Homelund Minarik

Mr. Putter and Tabby series by Cynthia Rylant

Rising 2nd Grade

Birthday for Frances (or others in series) by Lillian Hoban
Owl Moon by Jane Yolen
Roxaboxen by Barabara Cooney
The Biggest Bear by Lynd Kendall Ward
Blaze and the Lost Quarry (or others in series) by C.W. Anderson
A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams
Doctor Desoto by William Steig
Thunder Cake by Patricia Polacco
When We Were Very Young by A.A. Milne
Now We Are Six by A.A. Milne
Child's Garden of Verses by Robert Louis Stevenson
The Ugly Duckling by Hans Christian Andersen
My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannet
The Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde
Mrs. Piggie-Wiggle by Betty MacDonald
Paddington Bear Treasury by Michael Bond
One Morning in Maine by Robert McCloskey
Mouse and the Motorcycle series by Beverly Cleary
The Boxcar Children's series by Gertrude Chandler Warner
The Cam Jansen Mystery series by David A. Adler
A-Z Mysteries series by Rob Roy
Princess in Black series by Shannon Hale
Nate the Great series by Marjorie Sharmat
Betsy-Tacy series by Maud Lovelace
Cobble Street Cousins series by Cynthia Rylant
Mary Pope Osborne series
Usborne Time Traveler series
Dorling Kindersley Eyewitness Readers Levels 2 and 3

Rising 3rd Grade

Adventures of Laura and Jack by Laura Ingalls Wilder

School Mouse; Charlie Muffin's Miracle Mouse; Funny Frank all by Dick King-Smith

Hannah; Silver; Indian School; Next Spring an Oriole all by Gloria Whelan

Punished by David Lubar

Friska, My Friend by Patricia St. John

The Other Kitten by Patricia St. John

Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl

Shoeshine Girl by Clyde Robert Bulla

The BFG by Roald Dahl Danny, The Champion of the World by Roald Dahl

The Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White

The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis

Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry

Sea Star – Orphan of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry

Homer Price by Robert McCloskey

The Moffats by Eleanor Estes

Ralph S. Mouse by Beverly Cleary

Henry Huggins by Beverly Cleary

Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling

Mandie and the Secret Tunnel by Lois Gladys Leppard

The Wonder Clock by Howard Pyle

The King of the Golden River by John Ruskin

DK Eyewitness Books: Ancient Greece by Anne Pearson

DK Eyewitness Books: Ancient Rome by Simon James

Jigsaw Jones series by James Preller

Katie Kazoo, Switcheroo series by Nancy Krulik

Little House on the Prairie series by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Rising 4th Grade

Suggested Fiction and Historical Fiction

Beorn the Proud by Madeline Pollard
The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis
Huguenot Garden by Douglas M. Jones III
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert C. O'Brien
The Trumpet of the Swan by E. B. White
My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett
The Borrowers by Mary Norton
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine
Aladdin and Other Tales from the Arabian Nights by N. J. Dawood
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
Crispin by Avi
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
The Beatryce Prophecy by DiCamillo Kate
The Beggar's Bible (John Wycliffe) by Louise A. Vernon
The Bible Smuggler (William Tyndale) by Louise A. Vernon
The Man Who Laid the Egg (Erasmus) by Louise A. Vernon
Ink On His Fingers (Gutenberg) by Louise A. Vernon
Son of Charlemagne by Barbara Willard and Emil Weiss
The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling
The Shakespeare Stealer series by Gary Blackwood

Suggested Biographies

Augustine the Farmers Boy of Tagaste by P. de Zeeuw
The River of Grace (John Calvin) by Joyce McPherson
Saint Patrick: Pioneer Missionary to Ireland by Michael J. McHugh
Some Writer!: The Story of E. B. White by Melissa Sweet
Who Was Marco Polo? by Joan Holub
Along Came Galileo by Jeanne Bendick
A Piece of the Mountain (Pascal) by Joyce McPherson

Rising 5th Grade

Suggested Fiction and Historical Fiction

Summer of the Monkeys by Wilson Rawls

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

Gone-Away Lake by Elizabeth Enright

One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Early Thunder by Jean Fritz

Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink

Guns for General Washington: A Story of the American Revolution by Seymour Reit

Mr. Revere and I by Robert Lawson

Ben and Me: An Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin by His Good Mouse Amos by Robert Lawson

The Book of Three by Lloyd Alexander

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

City of Ember by Jeanne Duprau

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine

The Children's Homer: The Adventures of Odysseus and the Fall of Troy by Padraic Colum

Swiss Family Robinson by Johann David Wyss

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi

At the Back of the North Wind by George MacDonald

Biographies

Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia by Margaret Cousins

The Great Little Madison by Jean Fritz

Pocahontas and the Strangers by Robert Clyde Bulla

John Paul Jones by Sperry Armstrong

Why Not, Lafayette? by Jean Fritz

Traitor: the Case of Benedict Arnold by Jean Fritz

Around the World in a Hundred Years by Jean Fritz

Pocohantas by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire

Columbus by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire

Leif the Lucky by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire

Benjamin Franklin by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire

Daniel Boone: His Own Story by Daniel Boone

Magellan: Ferdinand Magellan and the First Trip Around the World (Exploring the World) by Michael Burgan

John Wesley: The World His Parish by Geoff and Janet Bengel

Rising 6th Grade

Fiction and Historical Fiction

The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

The Cay by Theodore Taylor

The Boy in the Alamo by Margaret Cousins

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

Pollyanna by Eleanor H. Porter

Souder by William H. Armstrong

Hitty Her First Hundred Years by Rachel Field

Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

The Dragon King Trilogy (In the Hall of the Dragon King; The Warlords of Nin; The Sword and the Flame) by Stephen R. Lawhead

From the Earth to the Moon by Jules Verne Snow Treasure by Marie McSwigan

Wonder by R. J. Palacio

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

Watership Down by Richard Adams

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Mary Poppins by P. L. Travers

Call it Courage by Armstrong Sperry

On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness by Andrew Peterson

Outlaws of Time by N. D. Wilson

The Watson's Go to Birmingham—1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis

A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck

Tintin Books by Hergé

Biographies

Abe Lincoln: Log Cabin to White House by Sterling North

Basher Five-Two (US Pilot in Bosnia) by Captain Scott O'Grady

Bruchko (Missionary to S. American Indians) by Bruce Olson

Carry a Big Stick: The Uncommon Heroism of Theodore Roosevelt by George Grant

Children of the Storm (Christian family in the former Soviet Union) by Natasha Vins

The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

If I Perish (Christian in Japan during WWII) by Esther Ahn Kim

Raoul Wallenberg: The Man Who Stopped Death by Sharon Linnea

The Wright Brothers by Quentin Reynolds

Stonewall by Jean Fritz

Rosa Parks: My Story by Rosa Parks

The Story of Thomas Alva Edison by Margaret Cousins