



Required Summer Reading Rising 2nd-12th Grades-Summer 2026

Summer reading is an essential part of being a Veritas student. While school is on break, learning shouldn't be. Students who read over the summer grow in vocabulary, comprehension, and writing, while those who don't can fall behind. Consistent reading also helps students engage with deeper ideas and build knowledge that supports all areas of learning.

We encourage families to set clear expectations early in the summer so that reading and writing remain a daily habit. To prepare for the upcoming school year, faculty have selected a required book for each grade level. **This book should be read before the first day of school, ideally later in the summer, as students will discuss it and complete an assessment during the first week.**

You do not need to purchase the book; local libraries are a great option. Please use the ISBN provided to ensure you have the correct edition, and links are included if you choose to buy a copy.

Required Titles by Grade Level

(Click on the book title to make sure you have the correct version of the book.)

2nd – [Mummies in the Morning](#) by Mary Pope Osborne -ISBN10: 9780679824244 / ISBN13: 978-0679824244

3rd: [Stuart Little](#) by EB White -ISBN 10: 0064400565/ISBN 13: 978-0064400565

4th: [The Story of King Arthur & His Knights](#) (Classic Starts) Retold from the Howard Pyle original
ISBN10: 1402725345/ISBN13: 978-1402725340

5th: [Sign of the Beaver](#) by Elizabeth George Speare -ISBN10: 9780547577111/ISBN13: 978-0547577111

6th: [By the Great Horn Spoon](#) by Sid Fleischman- ISBN: 978-0316286121

7th: [The Princess and the Goblin](#), ISBN-10: 0141332484 / ISBN-13: 978-0141332482

8th: [Screwtape Letters](#), ISBN-10: 0060652934 / ISBN-13: 978-0060652937

9th: [Frankenstein](#), ISBN-10: 0143131842 / ISBN-13: 978-0143131847

10th: [The Man Who Was Thursday](#), ISBN-10: 153733901X / ISBN-13: 978-1537339016

11th: [Peter Pan](#), ISBN-10: 1957240660 / ISBN-13: 978-1957240664

12th: [To Kill a Mockingbird](#), ISBN-10: 0060935464 / ISBN-13: 978-0060935467

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