

Doane Academy
2011 Summer Reading List
for students entering **Kindergarten**



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Dear Parents:

There is no pursuit more valuable or rewarding for children than reading. As children read, they develop vital verbal skills. Equally important, they encounter new experiences, new ideas and issues, new people, new emotions. Reading expands options, feeds the imagination and teaches thinking. Through reading, children come to know their world and themselves a little better.

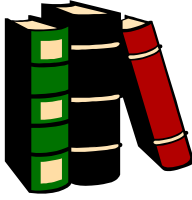
The suggested reading lists we have developed for the Lower School are designed both for summer and for supplementary reading during the year. We have sought to make the selections appropriate for each grade. You will find, however, that the books do range in level of challenge and subject matter, and we strongly encourage you to help your children select those books best suited to their interests and reading skills.

Our goal in providing these suggested readings is to encourage the habit of reading for pleasure, not to generate book reports or graded exercises. What children read is less important than the act of reading and the enjoyment that reading brings. The more children read for pleasure, the more they will want to read, and growth in reading speed, comprehension, and confidence will surely follow.

Reading can be a marvelous sharing experience. Encourage your children to talk about what they have read. Your interest will feed their excitement. You may even wish to read some of the selections yourselves!

Happy Reading!

The Lower School Faculty



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Poetry

Mother Goose Rhymes

Sing a Song of Popcorn selected by Beatrice Schenk

Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young selected by Jack Prelutsky

Animals, Animals by Eric Carle

Random House Book of Poetry for Children selected by Jack Prelutsky

Poems to be Read Together Side by Side collected by Lee Bennett Hopkins

The Teddy Bear Book by Jean Marzollo

Other Selections

Ah-Choo! by Mercer Mayer

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst

Amazing World of Ants by Francene Sabin

Amelia Bedelia Books by Peggy Parish

Beach Day by Helen Oxenbury

Bedtime for Frances by Russell Hoban

Berenstain Bears Books by Stan and Jan Berenstain

A Birthday Wish by Ed Emberley

Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey

Brian Wildsmith's ABC's by Brian Wildsmith

Broderick by Edward Ormondroyd

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr.

The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs by Judi Barrett

The Complete Adventures of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter

Cookie's Week by Cindy Ward

Corduroy by Don Freeman

Curious George by H. A. Rey (any other Curious George books are also suggested)

Do You Want to be My Friend by Eric Carle

Frederick by Leo Lionni

Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel

The Giant Jam Sandwich by John Lord

The Gingerbread Man - retold

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

The Great Green Turkey Creek Monster by James Flora

Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion

Harry and The Terrible Whatzit by Dick Gackenbach

Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson



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Other Sections (continued)

Hedgie Blasts Off by Jan Brett (Any Jan Brett Book)
The House on East 88th Street by Bernard Waber
If I Ran the Zoo by Dr. Seuss (any other Seuss books are also suggested)
Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik
The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper
Little Toot by Hardie Gramatky
Look What I Can Do! by Jose Aruego
Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
Millions of Cats by Wanda Gag
Miss Nelson is Missing by Harry Allard
The Monster Under My Bed by Suzanne Gruber
Mother Goose, A Treasury of Best Loved Rhymes by Watty Piper
Noah's Ark by Peter Spier
Norman the Doorman by Don Freeman
Pinkerton, Behave! by Steven Kellogg
The Pokey Little Puppy by Janette Lowery
The Quiet Crickett by Eric Clark
The Red Balloon by A. Lamorisse
Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins
Shopping Trip by Helen Oxenbury
Skates by Raymond Briggs
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by Simon and Schuster
The Three Little Pigs by Paul Galdone
The Tomorrow Book by Doris Schwerin
Too Many Books by Caroline Feller Bauer
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle (any Eric Carle books)
When the New Baby Comes I'm Moving Out by Martha Alexander
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
Whistle for Willie by Ezra Jack Keats (any other Keats books are also suggested)
William's Doll by Charlotte Zolotow
Wolf! Wolf! by Elizabeth and Gerald Rose

Picture Books

“Any picture book that your child is interested in, whether it is on trains, planes, dolphins or soccer is fine. Just read.”