

Middle School Honors Reading 2022-2023

Changes to the 6th-8th grade Honors Reading are as follows:

- 1) Using the charts below, students will read a book from each category (charts for gold, silver, and bronze are below.)
- 2) If the book is on the current list, no approval to read it is necessary. If it is not, students must get parent approval in order for it to count.
- 3) Honors reading criteria for parents' approval:
 - a. The story is well-written and engaging (convincing characters, realistic plot, substantial message, challenging vocabulary).
 - b. The story's message or characters strengthens the readers' spirits (relationship with God/encourages one's faith).
 - c. The story's message or characters strengthens the readers' minds (questions worldview, expands perception of culture).
 - d. The story's message or characters strengthens the readers' character (encourages friendship, loyalty, bravery, honesty, patience, persistence, confidence, etc).
 - e. It does NOT: attack or undermine Christian beliefs or doctrines, tear down the spirit, tear down the mind, or encourage poor character/behavior.

With these changes, we hope to challenge students to read outside their normal genres and habits, but also encourage students to read living books not necessarily on this list (which continues to grow) with the guidance of their parents.

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GOLD

Book Category	Title / Author	Parent initial (if needed)
A book published in your lifetime		
A classic published over 150 years ago		
A book older than your Mom or Dad		
A Book of the Bible (must be at least 10 chapters)		
A book about a Christian missionary or mission		
A mystery book		
A realistic fiction book		
A historical fiction book		
A fantasy or science fiction book		
A personal choice book		
A 2 nd personal choice book		
A 3 rd personal choice book		
A book recommended by a family member		
A non-fiction book		
A book about (or set in) a different culture than your own.		
Memoir/biography		
Family Read Aloud/choice book		

SILVER

Book Category	Title / Author	Date read
A book published in your lifetime		
A classic published over 150 years ago		
A book about (or set in) a different culture than your own		
A Book of the Bible (must be at least 10 chapters)		
A book about a Christian missionary or mission		
A mystery book		
A realistic fiction book		
A historical fiction book		
A fantasy or science fiction book		
A personal choice book		
A 2 nd personal choice book		
A book recommended by a family member		
Family Read Aloud/Choice Book		

BRONZE

Book Category	Title / Author	Date read
A book published in your lifetime		
A classic published over 150 years ago		
A book about (or set in) a different culture than your own		
A Book of the Bible (must be at least 10 chapters)		
A realistic fiction book		
A historical fiction book		
A fantasy or science fiction book		
A personal choice book		
Family Read Aloud/Choice Book		

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In her writings, Charlotte Mason coined the phrase “living books”. These books were described as books that display “imagination, originality, and the human touch”. Students who participate and meet the reading goals will be recognized at the end of the school year, and their achievement will be recorded on their report card. However, the goal of reading is enjoyment and inspiration.

Guidelines:

- Books read for the Honors Reading Program must be chosen from the reading list posted on the school website. Books with an asterisk (*) can be found in our library. (Only the fiction list has been completed in this way.)
- Lists are broken down by grade levels.
- Students may read books above their grade level, but not below. If your child struggles with reading, please speak with the librarian. Permission to read a selection of books from the previous grade level may be granted.
- To ensure a variety of books and authors are read, large series like *The Ranger’s Apprentice* and *The Boxcar Children* have a **5 book limit**.
- Confirmation of a student reading an entire book will be supplied by the parent’s signed initials next to the book title on the list printed from the ECCS website. The book title should also be highlighted for clarity.
- There will be three honors levels: bronze, silver, and gold.
- In kindergarten through second grades, parents may read aloud to their children, or children may read to parents.
- In kindergarten through second grades, books 40 pages and less count as 1 book; 41-80 pages count as 2 books; 81-120 pages count as 3 books, and so on.
- In all grades, at least one book must be read aloud as a family. If your child struggles with reading, you may read the other books aloud together.
- Highlighted, initialed lists should be turned into the school office by the deadline stated in the school calendar and 4th wall.

	Gold: 120-125 Books		Silver: 100-103 Books		Bronze: 80-81 Books	
	Child Reads To Parent	Parent Reads To Child	Child Reads To Parent	Parent Reads To Child	Child Reads To Parent	Parent Reads To Child
Kindergarten		120 books		100 books		80 books
First Grade and Second Grade	60 books	60 books and 5 chapter books	50 books	50 books and 3 chapter books	40 books	40 books and 1 chapter book

	Gold: 17 Books		Silver: 13 Books		Bronze: 9 Books	
	Family Read-Aloud	Read by Child (or with parent)	Family Read-Aloud	Read by Child (or with parent)	Family Read-Aloud	Read by Child (or with parent)
Third through Eighth Grades	1	16	1	12	1	8

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Student's Name:	Check Student t-shirt size: <input type="checkbox"/> YS <input type="checkbox"/> YM <input type="checkbox"/> YL <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL
Total # Books Read:	Check Reading Level Earned: <input type="checkbox"/> Gold <input type="checkbox"/> Silver <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze
Parent's Signature:	Grade Level/Teacher Name:

Please highlight the books read by or with your child this year. If other titles are indicated as allowed you may write those added titles to the side or at the end of the list. Once the list is complete, total the number of books read, and write the total in the space above. Remember that each series has a 5 book limit. Books marked with an asterisk (*) indicate the ECCS Library has a copy.

Fiction

Adams, Richard	* <i>Watership Down</i>
Alder, Elizabeth	* <i>The King's Shadow</i>
Alcott, Louisa May	* <i>Little Women</i> , * <i>Little Men</i> , * <i>Jo's Boys</i> , * <i>Eight Cousins</i> , * <i>Rose in Bloom</i>
Alexander, Lloyd	* <i>The Book of Three</i> , * <i>The Black Cauldron</i> , * <i>The Castle of Lyr</i> , * <i>Taran Wanderer</i> , * <i>The High King</i> , * <i>Gypsy Rizka</i>
Anderson, Laurie Halse	* <i>Chains</i> , * <i>Forge</i> , * <i>Ashes</i> , * <i>Fever 1793</i>
Austen, Jane	* <i>Emma</i> , * <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> , * <i>Sense and Sensibility</i>
Avi	* <i>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i> , * <i>Crispin Cross of Lead</i> , <i>The Most Important Thing: Stories About Sons, Fathers & Grandfathers</i> , * <i>Sophie's War</i> , <i>The Fighting Ground</i>
Baldwin, Cindy	* <i>Where The Watermelons Grow</i>
Bertman, Jennifer Chambliss	* <i>Book Scavenger</i>
Birdsall, Jeanne	* <i>The Penderwicks</i> , * <i>The Penderwicks on Gardam Street</i> , * <i>The Penderwicks at Point Mouette</i> , * <i>The Penderwicks in Spring</i> , * <i>The Penderwicks At Last</i>
Bligh, William	* <i>Mutiny on Board the H.M.S. Bounty</i>
Bond, Douglas	* <i>Duncan's War</i>

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Brink, Carol Ryrie	<i>*Caddie Woodlawn</i> and other titles
Bronte, Charlotte	<i>*Jane Eyre</i>
Bunyan, John	<i>*Pilgrim's Progress</i>
Burnett, Francis Hodgson	<i>The Lost Prince</i>
Camus, Albert	<i>The Guest</i>
Carter, Forest	<i>The Education of Little Tree</i>
Christie, Agatha	<i>*Murder on the Orient Express, *The ABC Mysteries, *The Mysterious Affair at Styles, *And Then There Were None, Death on the Nile, The Murder of Roger Ackroyd (YA)</i>
Clark, Ann Nolan	<i>*Secret of the Andes</i>
Cleaver, Vera and Bill	<i>*Where the Lillies Bloom</i>
Colver, Anne	<i>Bread and Butter Journey</i>
Coolidge, Susan	<i>What Katy Did</i>
Cooper, James Fenimore	<i>*The Last of the Mohicans</i>
Cote, Jenny L.	<i>*any title in The Ark, the Reed, and the Fire Cloud series</i>
Crane, Stephen	<i>*The Red Badge of Courage (Y.A.)</i>
Creech, Sharon	<i>*Walk Two Moons</i>
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham</i>
Cushman, Karen	<i>*Matilda Bone</i>
De Angeli, Marguerite	<i>*The Door in the Wall</i>
Defoe, Daniel	<i>*Robinson Crusoe</i>
Dickens, Charles	<i>*David Copperfield, *Great Expectations, *Oliver Twist, *A Christmas Carol, *The Cricket on the Hearth</i>
Dodge, Mary Maples	<i>Hans Brinker: The Silver Skates</i>
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	<i>*The Hound of the Baskervilles, *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, *Great Adventure Stories</i>

Draper, Sharon M	<i>*Out of My Mind</i>
DuMarier, Daphne	<i>Rebecca (YA)</i>
Dumas, Alexandre	<i>Three Musketeers, Count of Monte Cristo (counts as 2 if unabridged)</i>
Eliot, George	<i>*Silas Marner</i>
Ende, Michael	<i>*The Neverending Story</i>
Estes, Eleanor	<i>*Ginger Pye, *Pinky Pye, *The Moffats, *The Middle Moffat, *The Moffat Museum, *Rufus M.</i>
Fitzgerald, John D.	<i>*The Great Brain, *More Adventures of the Great Brain, *The Great Brain Reforms, *The Return of the Great Brain, *The Great Brain Does It Again, *Me and My Little Brain, *The Great Brain is Back</i>
Flanagan, John	<i>*The Rangers Apprentice series (*The Ruins of Gorlan, *The Burning Bridge, and other titles), *The Brotherband Chronicles series (*The Outcasts, *The Invaders and other titles)</i>
Finley, Martha	<i>*Elsie Dinsmore (and other titles)- original series of 28 books only</i>
Fritz, Jean	<i>*Homesick: My Own Story</i>
Ford, Jamie	<i>*On the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</i>
Forester, C. S.	<i>*Mr. Midshipman Hornblower</i>
George, Jean Craighead	<i>*The Cry of the Crow, *My Side of the Mountain</i>
Gratz, Alan	<i>*Grenade, *Refugee</i>
Gray, Elizabeth Janet	<i>Adam of the Road</i>
Green, Roger Lancelyn	<i>*King Arthur</i>
Hawthorne, Nathaniel	<i>The House of Seven Gables, *The Scarlet Letter (Y.A.)</i>
Hemingway, Ernest	<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>
Henty, G.A.	<i>*The Young Carthaginian, *The Cat of Bubastes: A Tale of Ancient Egypt, *Beric the Briton: A Story of the Roman Invasion, *With Lee in Virginia: A Story of the American Civil War, *With Wolfe in Canada, *By Right of Conquest, *By Pike and Dyke, *Under Drake's Flag, *St. George for England, *A Knight of the White Cross, *For the Temple, *By England's</i>

	<i>Aid, *In Freedom's Cause, *St.Bartholomew's Eve, *Winning His Spurs, *Wulf the Saxson, *The Dragon and the Raven</i>
Holm, Anne	<i>*I Am David</i>
Hoyle, K. B.	<i>*The Six, *The Oracle, *The White Thread, *The Enchantment, *The Scroll, *The Bone Whistle (all Y.A.)</i>
Hughes, Monica	<i>The Keeper of the Isis Light</i>
Hunt, Irene	<i>*Across Five Aprils</i>
Hurnard, Hannah	<i>*Hind's Feet on High Places</i>
Ingold, Jeanette	<i>*Hitch</i>
Irving, Washington	<i>Rip Van Winkle</i>
Jacques, Brian	<i>*Redwall, *Rakkety Tom, *The Angel's Command, *The Bell Maker, *Martin the Warrior, *Mariel of Redwall, *Moss Flower, * Mattimeo, *Pearls of Lutra, *Salamadrastron, (and other titles in the series)</i>
Keyes, Daniel	<i>Flowers for Algernon</i>
Kipling, Rudyard	<i>*The Jungle Books, Captains Courageous, *Just So Series, Kim</i>
Knight, Eric	<i>Lassie Come Home</i>
Konigsburg, E.L.	<i>*From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, *The View from Saturday</i>
Latham, Jean	<i>*Carry On, Mr. Bowditch</i>
L'Engle, Madeline	<i>*A Wrinkle in Time, *A Wind in the Door, *A Swiftly Tilting Planet, *A Ring of Endless Light, Many Waters (Y.A.)</i>
Lewis, C.S.	<i>*Out of the Silent Planet, *Perelandra, *That Hideous Strength, The Screwtape Letter, The Chronicles of Narnia (*The Magician's Nephew, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, *Prince Caspian, *The Horse and His Boy, *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader, *The Silver Chair, *The Last Battle)</i>
London, Jack	<i>*Call of the Wild, *White Fang</i>

Lovelace, Maud Hart	<i>*Heaven to Betsy, *Betsy in Spite of Herself, *Betsy Was a Junior, *Betsy and the Great World, *Betsy and Joe, *Betsy's Wedding</i>
Lowry, Lois	<i>*The Giver, *Gathering Blue, *The Messenger, *Son</i>
MacDonald, George	<i>At the Back of the North Wind, *The Princess and the Goblin, *The Princess and Curdie, The Light Princess</i>
Major, Charles	<i>*The Bears of Blue River</i>
Marshall, Catherine	<i>*Christy, *Julie</i>
Marshall, Peter Jr.	<i>*From Sea to Shining Sea</i>
McGraw, Eloise Jarvis	<i>*Mara, Daughter of the Nile, *Moccasin Trail</i>
Melville, Herman	<i>*Moby Dick</i>
Merrill, Jean	<i>*The Pushcart War</i>
Montgomery, Jeremiah W.	<i>Dark Harvest series (*The Dark Faith, *The Scarlet Bishop, *The Threefold Cord)</i>
Montgomery, Lucy Maud	<i>*Anne of Green Gables, *Anne of Avonlea, *Anne of the Island, *Anne of Windy Poplars, *Anne's House of Dreams, *Anne of Ingleside, *Rainbow Valley, *Rilla of Ingleside, *Magic for Marigold, *The Blue Castle, *After Many Days, *Chronicles of Avonlea, *The Story Girl, *Pat of Silverbush, *Mistress Pat, *Emily of New Moon, *Emily's Quest, *Emily Climbs, *Along the Shore, and others</i>
Moody, Ralph	<i>*Little Britches, *Man of the Family, *The Fields of Homes, *MaryEmma and Company, *The Home Ranch, *The Dry Divide</i>
Mull, Brandon	<i>*Fablehaven & sequels</i>
Nesbit, E.	<i>*The Phoenix and the Carpet, *The Railway Children, *The Story of the Treasure Seekers, and other titles</i>
Nixon, Joan Lowry	<i>*A Family Apart, *Caught in the Act, *In the Face of Danger, *A Place to Belong</i>
Norton, Andre	<i>*Shadow Hawk</i>
O'Dell, Scott	<i>*Island of the Blue Dolphins, *The Black Pearl, *Black Star, Bright Dawn, *The King's Fifth, *Streams to the River, River to the Sea, *Thunder</i>

	<i>Rolling in the Mountains, *My Name is Not Angelica, *The Hawk that Dare Not Hunt by Day</i>
Orczy, Emmuska	<i>The Scarlet Pimpernel</i>
Paolini, Christopher	<i>*Eragon, *Eldest, *Brisingr, *Inheritance</i>
Paterson, Katharine	<i>*Bridge to Terabithia (Y.A.), Jacob Have I Loved, *The Great Gilly Hopkins, *The Master Puppeteer</i>
Paulsen, Gary	<i>*Sarny: A Life Remembered (Y.A.)</i>
Peterson, Andrew	<i>The Wingfeather Saga (*On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness, *North! Or Be Eaten, *The Monster in the Hollows, *The Warden and the Wolf King)</i>
Porter, Gene Stratton	<i>*Freckles, *A Girl of the Limberlost</i>
Prentiss, Elizabeth	<i>*Stepping Heavenward</i>
Pyle, Howard	<i>*Men of Iron</i>
Ransome, Arthur	<i>Swallows and Amazons series (*Swallows and Amazons, *Swallowdale, *Peter Duck)</i>
Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan	<i>*The Yearling</i>
Rawls, Wilson	<i>*Where the Red Fern Grows, *Summer of the Monkeys</i>
Ray, Mary	<i>*Beyond the Desert Gate, *The Ides of April</i>
Remarque, Erich Maria	<i>*All Quiet on the Western Front</i>
Richter, Conrad	<i>*A Light in the Forest</i>
Rivers, Francine	<i>*The Last Sin Eater</i>
Rogers, Jonathan	<i>The Wilderking Trilogy (*The Bark of the Bog Owl, *The Secret of the Swamp King, *The Way of the Wilderking)</i>
Sachar, Louis	<i>*Holes</i>
Schmidt, Gary	<i>*Anson's Way, *The Sin-Eater</i>
Scott, Sir Walter	<i>*Ivanhoe</i>

Sheldon, Charles	<i>In His Steps</i>
Sillitoe, Monica	<i>The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner (5th and up)</i>
Smith, S.D.	<i>The Green Ember series (*The Green Ember, *Ember Falls, *Ember Rising)</i>
Speare, Elizabeth George	<i>*The Witch of Blackbird Pond (Y.A.), *Calico Captive, *Bronze Bow, *Sign of the Beaver</i>
Saint-Exupèry, Antoine de	<i>*The Little Prince</i>
Stevenson, Robert Louis	<i>*Kidnapped, *Treasure Island, *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, The Black Arrow</i>
Stewart, Trenton Lee	<i>*The Mysterious Benedict Society (and sequels)</i>
Stowe, Harriet Beecher	<i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i>
Sutcliff, Rosemary	<i>*The Light Beyond the Forest, *The Sword and the Circle, *The Road to Camlann, *The Eagle of the Ninth, *The Lantern Bearers, *Outcast, *The Shining Company, *The Silver Branch, *Warrior Scarlet</i>
Swift, Jonathan	<i>Gulliver's Travels</i>
Taylor, Mildred D.	<i>*Let the Circle Be Unbroken, *The Road to Memphis</i>
Terhune, Albert P.	<i>Lad: A Dog</i>
Tolkein, J.R.R.	<i>*Farmer Giles of Ham, *The Silmarillion, *The Hobbit, *The Fellowship of the Ring, *The Two Towers, *The Return of the King, *Roverdam</i>
Tolstoy, Leo	<i>Anna Karenina, Resurrection (8th gr.)</i>
Twain, Mark	<i>*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court, *Tom Sawyer Abroad, *The Prince and the Pauper</i>
Verne, Jules	<i>*Around the World in 80 Days, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, *Journey to the Center of the Earth, The Mysterious Island</i>
Webster, Jean	<i>*Daddy-Long-Legs, *Dear Enemy</i>
Wells, H.G.	<i>The Time Machine, *The War of the Worlds</i>
White, John	<i>Tower of Geborah, Iron Sceptre</i>

Wilde, Oscar	<i>The Happy Prince</i>
Willard, Barbara	<i>If All the Swords in England, Son of Charlemagne</i>
Williamson, Joanne	<i>*The God King</i>
Wilson, N. D.	<i>*Leepike Ridge, *Boys of Blur, The Ashtown Burials series (*The Dragon's Tooth, *Drowned Vault, *Empire of Bones)</i>
Winterfeld, Henry	<i>*Detectives in Togas</i>
Witherow, Mindy & Brandon	<i>*Peril & Peace, *Courage & Conviction, *Rescue & Redeem, *Hearts & Hands</i>
Wyss, Johann	<i>*The Swiss Family Robinson</i>

Non-Fiction

Adamson, Joy	<i>Born Free: A Lioness of Two Worlds</i>
Anthony, Lawrence	<i>*The Elephant Whisperer: My Life with the Herd in the African Wild</i>
Bendick, Jeanne	<i>*Archimedes and the Door to Science, * Galen and the Gateway to Medicine, *Herodotus and the Road to History</i>
Carpenter, Humphrey	<i>*Tolkein, A Biography</i>
Carson, Dr. Ben	<i>*You Have a Brain</i>
Casey, Susan	<i>*Women Heroes of the American Revolution</i>
Clapp, Patricia	<i>Dr. Elizabeth</i>
Davis, Katie J.	<i>*Kisses from Katie</i>
Eareckson, Joni	<i>Joni</i>
Elliott, Elisabeth	<i>The Journals of Jim Elliott</i>
Finch, Jennie	<i>*Throw Like a Girl</i>
Frank, Anne	<i>*Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl</i>
Fritz, Jean	<i>*The Great Little Madison</i>
Gilbreth, Frank B. and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey	<i>*Cheaper by the Dozen, Belles on Their Toes</i>
Grant, George	<i>*Carry A Big Stick: The Uncommon Heroism of Theodore Roosevelt</i>
Gormely, Beatrice	<i>*C.S. Lewis: The Man Behind Narnia</i>
Herriott, James	<i>*All Creatures Great and Small, *All Things Wise and Wonderful, *All Things Bright and Beautiful, *The Lord God Made Them All</i>
Janeaway, Elizabeth	<i>*The Vikings</i>
Jackson, Jacqueline	<i>Turn Not Pale, Beloved Snail</i>
Johnston, Johanna	<i>Harriet and the Runaway Book: The Story of Harriet Beecher Stowe and Uncle Tom's Cabin</i>

Keller, Helen	<i>The Story of My Life</i>
Lansing, Alfred	<i>*Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage</i>
Magnusson, Sally	<i>The Flying Scotsman</i>
Marshall, Catherine	<i>*A Man Called Peter</i>
Marshall, Peter Jr.	<i>The Light and the Glory</i>
Metaxas, Eric	<i>Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery, Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy, Seven Men and Their Greatness, *Seven Women and Their Greatness</i>
Millwright, Alan	<i>"Brother Andrew" God's Undercover Agent</i>
Murphy, Jim	<i>*Weird and Wacky Inventions, *The Boy's War</i>
Popov, Haralan	<i>Tortured for His Faith</i>
Rankin, William	<i>The Man Who Rode Thunder</i>
Rickenbacker, Edward	<i>Seven Came Through</i>
Richardson, Don	<i>Peace Child</i>
Sandburg, Carl	<i>Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years and the War Years</i>
Swanson, James L.	<i>*Chasing Lincoln's Killer, *Bloody Times, *Chasing King's Killer</i>
Swift, Catherine	<i>C.S. Lewis, Eric Liddell</i>
Thomas, Lewis	<i>The Medusa and the Snail</i>
Trobisch, Ingrid	<i>On Our Way Rejoicing</i>
Vanauken, Sheldon	<i>A Severe Mercy</i>
Vaughan, David J.	<i>*Give Me Liberty: The Uncompromising Statesmanship of Patrick Henry</i>
Warren, Andrea	<i>*Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story</i>
Washington, Booker T.	<i>Up From Slavery</i>
Weintraub, Robert	<i>*No Better Friend</i>
Wiker, Benjamin D.	<i>*The Mystery of the Periodic Table</i>

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Zeiss, Tony

* *Backcountry Fury: A Sixteen-Year-Old Patriot in the Revolutionary War*

(Christian biographies are available in the "Heroes of the Faith" or the "Sowers Series" as well.)