#### Middle School Honors Reading 2024-2025

Changes to the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> personal choice book		
A 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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		

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#### 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 <sup>nd</sup> personal choice book		
A book recommended by a family member		
Family Read Aloud/Choice Book		

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#### 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		

#### **ECCS Honors Reading Program**

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:**

- 1. 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.)
- 2. Lists are broken down by grade levels.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 6. There will be three honors levels: bronze, silver, and gold.
- 7. In kindergarten through second grades, parents may read aloud to their children, or children may read to parents.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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 4<sup>th</sup> wall.

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

Student's Name:	Check Student t-shirt size: □YS □YM □ YL □ S □M □L □ XL	
Total # Books Read:	Check Reading Level Earned:	
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. <u>Remember that each series has a 5 book</u> <u>limit.</u> Books marked with an asterisk (\*) indicate the ECCS Library has a copy.

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

#### **Fiction**

Bond, Douglas	*Duncan's War
Brink, Carol Ryrie	*Caddie Woodlawn and other titles
Bronte, Charlotte	*Jane Eyre
Bunyan, John	*Pilgrim's Progress
Butler, Kathryn	*The Dreamkeeper Saga series
Burnett, Francis Hodgson	The Lost Prince
Camus, Albert	The Guest
Carter, Forest	The Education of Little Tree
Christie, Agatha	*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)
Clark, Ann Nolan	*Secret of the Andes
Cleaver, Vera and Bill	*Where the Lillies Bloom
Colver, Anne	Bread and Butter Journey
Coolidge, Susan	What Katy Did
Cooper, James Fenimore	*The Last of the Mohicans
Cote, Jenny L.	*any title in The Ark, the Reed, and the Fire Cloud series
Crane, Stephen	*The Red Badge of Courage (Y.A.)
Creech, Sharon	*Walk Two Moons
Curtis, Christopher Paul	The Watsons Go to Birmingham
Cushman, Karen	*Matilda Bone
Dahlstrom, SJ	*The Adventures of Wilder Good series
De Angeli, Marguerite	*The Door in the Wall
Defoe, Daniel	*Robinson Crusoe
Dekker, Ted	

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Dickens, Charles	*David Copperfield, *Great Expectations, *Oliver Twist, *A Christmas Carol, *The Cricket on the Hearth
Dodge, Mary Maples	Hans Brinker: The Silver Skates
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	*The Hound of the Baskervilles, *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, *Great Adventure Stories
Draper, Sharon M	*Out of My Mind, *Out of My Heart
DuMarier, Daphne	Rebecca (YA)
Dumas, Alexandre	Three Musketeers, Count of Monte Cristo (counts as 2 if unabridged)
Eliot, George	*Silas Marner
Ende, Michael	*The Neverending Story
Estes, Eleanor	*Ginger Pye,*Pinky Pye, *The Moffats, *The Middle Moffat, *The Moffat Museum, *Rufus M.
Fitzgerald, John D.	*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
Flanagan, John	*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)
Finley, Martha	*Elsie Dinsmore (and other titles)- original series of 28 books only
Fritz, Jean	*Homesick: My Own Story
Ford, Jamie	*On the Corner of Bitter and Sweet
Forester, C. S.	*Mr. Midshipman Hornblower
George, Jean Craighead	*The Cry of the Crow, *My Side of the Mountain
Gratz, Alan	*Grenade, *Refugee, *Allies, *Prisoner B-3087, *Projekt 1065, *The Brooklyn Nine, *Two Degrees, *Heroes
Gray, Elizabeth Janet	Adam of the Road
Green, Roger Lancelyn	*King Arthur

Hawthorne, Nathaniel	The House of Seven Gables, *The Scarlet Letter (Y.A.)
Hemingway, Ernest	The Old Man and the Sea
Henty, G.A.	*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 Aid, *In Freedom's Cause, *St.Bartholomew's Eve, *Winning His Spurs, *Wulf the Saxson, *The Dragon and the Raven
Hesse, Karen	*Out of the Dust
Holm, Anne	*I Am David
Hood, Susan	*Alias Anna, *Lifeboat
Hoyle, K. B.	*The Six, *The Oracle, *The White Thread, *The Enchantment, *The Scroll, *The Bone Whistle (all Y.A.)
Hughes, Monica	The Keeper of the Isis Light
Hunt, Irene	*Across Five Aprils
Hurnard, Hannah	*Hind's Feet on High Places
Ingold, Jeanette	*Hitch
Irving, Washington	Rip Van Winkle
Jacques, Brian	*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)
Keyes, Daniel	Flowers for Algernon
Kipling, Rudyard	*The Jungle Books, Captains Courageous, *Just So Series, Kim
Knight, Eric	Lassie Come Home
Konigsburg, E.L.	*From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, *The View from Saturday
Latham, Jean	*Carry On, Mr. Bowditch

Lawson, Robert	*The Great Wheel
L'Engle, Madeline	*A Wrinkle in Time, *A Wind in the Door, *A Swiftly Tilting Planet, *A Ring of Endless Light, Many Waters (Y.A.)
Lewis, C.S.	*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)
London, Jack	*Call of the Wild, *White Fang
Lovelace, Maud Hart	*Heaven to Betsy, *Betsy in Spite of Herself, *Betsy Was a Junior, *Betsy and the Great World, *Betsy and Joe, *Betsy's Wedding
Lowry, Lois	*The Giver, *Gathering Blue, *The Messenger, *Son
MacDonald, George	At the Back of the North Wind, *The Princess and the Goblin, *The Princess and Curdie, The Light Princess
Major, Charles	*The Bears of Blue River
Marshall, Catherine	*Christy, *Julie
Marshall, Peter Jr.	*From Sea to Shining Sea
Martin, Laura	*Glitch
McGraw, Eloise Jarvis	*Mara, Daughter of the Nile, *Moccasin Trail
Melville, Herman	*Moby Dick
Merrill, Jean	*The Pushcart War
Montgomery, Jeremiah W.	Dark Harvest series (*The Dark Faith, *The Scarlet Bishop, *The Threefold Cord)
Montgomery, Lucy Maud	*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

Moody, Ralph	*Little Britches, *Man of the Family, *The Fields of Homes, *MaryEmma and Company, *The Home Ranch, *The Dry Divide	
Morpurgo, Michael	*An Elephant in the Garden	
Mull, Brandon	*Fablehaven series	
Nesbit, E.	*The Phoenix and the Carpet, *The Railway Children, *The Story of the Treasure Seekers, and other titles	
Nixon, Joan Lowry	*A Family Apart, *Caught in the Act,*In the Face of Danger, *A Place to Belong	
Norton, Andre	*Shadow Hawk	
O'Dell, Scott	*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 Rolling in the Mountains, *My Name is Not Angelica, *The Hawk that Dare Not Hunt by Day	
Olson, Tod	*Lost series	
Orczy, Emmuska	The Scarlet Pimpernel	
Paolini, Christopher	*Eragon, *Eldest, *Brisingr, *Inheritance	
Paterson, Katharine	Jacob Have I Loved, *The Great Gilly Hopkins, *The Master Puppeteer	
Paulsen, Gary	*Sarny: A Life Remembered (Y.A.)	
Peterson, Andrew	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)	
Porter, Gene Stratton	*Freckles, *A Girl of the Limberlost	
Prentiss, Elizabeth	*Stepping Heavenward	
Pyle, Howard	*Men of Iron	
Ransome, Arthur	Swallows and Amazons series (*Swallows and Amazons, *Swallowdale, *Peter Duck)	
Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan	*The Yearling	
Rawls, Wilson	*Where the Red Fern Grows, *Summer of the Monkeys	

Ray, Mary	*Beyond the Desert Gate, *The Ides of April	
Remarque, Erich Maria	*All Quiet on the Western Front	
Richter, Conrad	*A Light in the Forest	
Rivers, Francine	*The Last Sin Eater	
Rogers, Jonathan	The Wilderking Trilogy (*The Bark of the Bog Owl, *The Secret of the Swamp King, *The Way of the Wilderking)	
Sachar, Louis	*Holes	
Schmidt, Gary	*Anson's Way, *The Sin-Eater, *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy, *The Wednesday Wars, *Okay for Now	
Scott, Sir Walter	*Ivanhoe	
Sheldon, Charles	In His Steps	
Sillitoe, Monica	The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner (5th and up)	
Smith, S.D.	The Green Ember series (*The Green Ember, *Ember Falls, *Ember Rising)	
Speare, Elizabeth George	*The Witch of Blackbird Pond (Y.A.), *Calico Captive, *Bronze Bow, *Sign of the Beaver	
Saint-Exupèry, Antoine de	*The Little Prince	
Stevenson, Robert Louis	*Kidnapped, *Treasure Island, *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, The Black Arrow	
Stewart, Trenton Lee	*The Mysterious Benedict Society (and sequels)	
Stowe, Harriet Beecher	Uncle Tom's Cabin	
Sutcliff, Rosemary	*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	
Swift, Jonathan	Gulliver's Travels	
Taylor, Mildred D.	*Let the Circle Be Unbroken, *The Road to Memphis, *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	

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Terhune, Albert P.	Lad: A Dog
Tolkein, J.R.R.	*Farmer Giles of Ham,* The Silmarillion, *The Hobbit, *The Fellowship of the Ring, *The Two Towers, *The Return of the King, *Roverdam
Tolstoy, Leo	Anna Karenina, Resurrection (8th gr.)
Twain, Mark	*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
Verne, Jules	*Around the World in 80 Days, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, *Journey to the Center of the Earth, The Mysterious Island
Webster, Jean	*Daddy-Long-Legs, *Dear Enemy
Wells, H.G.	The Time Machine, *The War of the Worlds
White, John	Tower of Geborah, Iron Sceptre
Wilde, Oscar	The Happy Prince
Willard, Barbara	If All the Swords in England, Son of Charlemagne
Williamson, Joanne	*The God King
Wilson, N. D.	*Leepike Ridge, *Boys of Blur, The Ashtown Burials series (*The Dragon's Tooth, *Drowned Vault, *Empire of Bones)
Winterfeld, Henry	*Detectives in Togas
Witherow, Mindy & Brandon	*Peril & Peace, *Courage & Conviction, *Rescue & Redeem, *Hearts & Hands
Wolk, Lauren	*Beyond the Bright Sea, *Wolf Hollow
Wyss, Johann	*The Swiss Family Robinson
Yates, Elizabeth	*Mountain Born, Once in the Year: A Christmas Story, A Place for Peter

Non-Fiction				
Adamson, Joy	Born Free: A Lioness of Two Worlds			
Anthony, Lawrence	*The Elephant Whisperer: My Life with the Herd in the African Wild			
Bendick, Jeanne	*Archimedes and the Door to Science, * Galen and the Gateway to Medicine, *Herodotus and the Road to History			
Bruchac, Joseph	*Jim Thorpe: Original All-American			
Carpenter, Humphrey	*Tolkein, A Biography			
Carson, Dr. Ben	*You Have a Brain			
Casey, Susan	*Women Heroes of the American Revolution			
Clapp, Patricia	Dr. Elizabeth			
Davis, Katie J.	*Kisses from Katie			
Eareckson, Joni	Joni			
Elliott, Elisabeth	The Journals of Jim Elliott			
Finch, Jennie	*Throw Like a Girl			
Frank, Anne	*Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl			
Fritz, Jean	*The Great Little Madison			
Gilbreth, Frank B. and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey	*Cheaper by the Dozen, *Belles on Their Toes			
Giorello, Joe	*Great Battles for Boys series			
Gormely, Beatrice	*C.S. Lewis: The Man Behind Narnia			
Grant, George	*Carry A Big Stick: The Uncommon Heroism of Theodore Roosevelt			
Howat, Irene	*Lilias Trotter: Daring in the Desert			
Herriott, James	*All Creatures Great and Small, *All Things Wise and Wonderful, *All Things Bright and Beautiful, *The Lord God Made Them All			

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Janeaway, Elizabeth \*The Vikings Jackson, Jacqueline Turn Not Pale, Beloved Snail Johnston, Johanna Harriet and the Runaway Book: The Story of Harriet Beecher Stowe and Uncle Tom's Cabin Keller, Helen The Story of My Life Lansing, Alfred \*Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage Larson, Kirby \*Hattie Big Sky Leyson, Leon \*The Boy on the Wooden Box Magnusson, Sally The Flying Scotsman Marshall, Catherine \*A Man Called Peter The Light and the Glory Marshall, Peter Jr. Metaxas, Eric 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 Millwright, Alan "Brother Andrew" God's Undercover Agent \*Weird and Wacky Inventions, \*The Boy's War Murphy, Jim Popov, Haralan Tortured for His Faith The Man Who Rode Thunder Rankin, William Rickenbacker, Edward Seven Came Through Richardson, Don Peace Child Rose, Darlene Deible \*Evidence Not Seen Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years and the War Years Sandburg, Carl \*Chasing Lincoln's Killer, \*Bloody Times, \*Chasing King's Killer Swanson, James L. Swift, Catherine C.S. Lewis, Eric Liddell The Medusa and the Snail Thomas, Lewis

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Trobisch, Ingrid	On Our Way Rejoicing
Vanauken, Sheldon	A Severe Mercy
Vaughan, David J.	*Give Me Liberty: The Uncompromising Statesmanship of Patrick Henry
Warren, Andrea	*Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story
Washington, Booker T.	Up From Slavery
Weintraub, Robert	*No Better Friend
Wiker, Benjamin D.	*The Mystery of the Periodic Table
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.)