#### Middle School Honors Reading 2025-2026

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.

#### **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)		

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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 non-netion book	
A book about (or set in)	
a different culture than	
your own.	
Memoir/biography	
wichion/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		

2025-2026

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	

### **BRONZE**

Book Category	Title / Author	Date read
A book published in your lifetime		

2025-2026

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.**

- 5. 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.
- 10. 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	<b>Child Reads To</b>	Parent Reads	<b>Child Reads To</b>	Parent Reads
	Parent	To Child	Parent	To Child	Parent	To Child
Kindergarten		120 books		100 books		80 books
First Grade and	60 books	60 books and 5	FO books	50 books and 3	40 books	40 books and 1
Second Grade	60 books	chapter books	50 books	chapter books	40 DOOKS	chapter book
TOTAL	125		103		81	

	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	1	16	1	12	1	8
Eighth Grades TOTAL	17		13		9	

Student's Name:	Check Student t-shirt size:	
	$\Box$ YS $\Box$ YM $\Box$ YL $\Box$ S $\Box$ M $\Box$ L $\Box$ XL	
Total # Books Read:	Check Reading Level Earned:	
	☐Gold ☐Silver ☐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

\*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

Arthur, Sarah \*Once Upon a Queen

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

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 \*And the Found Dragons series

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, \*Out of my Dreams

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

Larson, Kirby \*Hattie Big Sky, \*Hattie Ever After

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

Myhre, J.A. \*A Forest, a Flood and an Unlikely Star, \*A Fever, a Flight, and a Fight

for the World

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, \*Just Like That, \*The Labors of

Hercules Beal

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

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

Whelan, Gloria \*Listening for Lions

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

Brown, Daniel \*The Boys in the Boat

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

Davis, Luke \*Risen Hope series

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.

\*Cheaper by the Dozen, \*Belles on Their Toes

and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey

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

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

Marshall, Peter Jr. The Light and the Glory

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

Murphy, Jim \*Weird and Wacky Inventions, \*The Boy's War

Popov, Haralan Tortured for His Faith

Rankin, William The Man Who Rode Thunder

Rickenbacker, Edward Seven Came Through

Richardson, Don Peace Child

Rose, Darlene Deible \*Evidence Not Seen

Sandburg, Carl Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years and the War Years

Swanson, James L. \*Chasing Lincoln's Killer, \*Bloody Times, \*Chasing King's Killer

Swift, Catherine C.S. Lewis, Eric Liddell

Thomas, Lewis The Medusa and the Snail

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.)