

Phoenix Christian Elementary School's Recommended Book Lists

Check out our list of classic children's literature and PC teacher favorites! Students reading independently and adults reading aloud to children (at all ages!) will promote reading growth!

We encourage families to pick some of these books and spend time reading together!

Kindergarten Books

Classics Books & Favorites

Title	Lexile
<input type="checkbox"/> A Kitten Tale (Rohmann)	500
<input type="checkbox"/> The Berenstain Bears (Berenstain) +	AD560
<input type="checkbox"/> Bright and Early Books (Seuss) +	NP
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? (Martin Jr.)	200
<input type="checkbox"/> The Carrot Seed (Krauss)	AD400
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicka Chicka Boom Boom (Martin & Archambault)	400
<input type="checkbox"/> Clifford the Big Red Dog (Bridwell)	220
<input type="checkbox"/> Father Bear Comes Home (Minarik)	370
<input type="checkbox"/> Grasshopper on the Road (Lobel)	470
<input type="checkbox"/> I'll Teach My Dog 100 Words (Frith)	390
<input type="checkbox"/> Inch by Inch (Lionni)	AD210
<input type="checkbox"/> Just a Little Bit (Tompert)	AD460
<input type="checkbox"/> Llama Llama Red Pajama (Dewdney) +	370
<input type="checkbox"/> Little Bear's Visit (Minarik) +	370
<input type="checkbox"/> Mouse Soup (Lobel)	430
<input type="checkbox"/> Mouse Tales (Lobel)	440
<input type="checkbox"/> Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes (Litwin) +	460
<input type="checkbox"/> Put Me in the Zoo (Lopshire)	200
<input type="checkbox"/> The Poky Little Puppy (Lowry)	AD520
<input type="checkbox"/> Quick as a Cricket (Wood)	240
<input type="checkbox"/> The Relatives Came (Rylant)	580
<input type="checkbox"/> The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Carle) +	250
<input type="checkbox"/> We're Going on a Bear Hunt (Rosen)	390

Read-Aloud Books

Title	Lexile
<input type="checkbox"/> A Treasury of Mother Goose (Offen)	210
<input type="checkbox"/> Bedtime for Frances (Hoban) +	360
<input type="checkbox"/> Corduroy (Freeman)	600
<input type="checkbox"/> Don't Forget to Remember (Holcomb)	AD530

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<input type="checkbox"/> Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! (Willems) +	280
<input type="checkbox"/> Found: Psalm 23 (Lloyd-Jones)	400
<input type="checkbox"/> God's Very Good Idea	AD560
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Eggs and Ham (Seuss)	210
<input type="checkbox"/> Harry the Dirty Dog (Zion) +	AD520
<input type="checkbox"/> If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (Numeroff) +	410
<input type="checkbox"/> I'm a Frog (Williems) +	180
<input type="checkbox"/> The Kissing Hand (Penn)	520
<input type="checkbox"/> Known (Lloyd-Jones)	NP
<input type="checkbox"/> Library Lion (Knudsen)	470
<input type="checkbox"/> Llama Llama Red Pajama (Dewdney) +	370
<input type="checkbox"/> The Little Engine that Could (Piper)	AD540
<input type="checkbox"/> Make Way for Ducklings (McCloskey)	AD719
<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel (Burton)	AD580
<input type="checkbox"/> Near (Lloyd-Jones)	NP
<input type="checkbox"/> Pancakes for Breakfast (dePaola)	NP
<input type="checkbox"/> There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly (Tabak)	320
<input type="checkbox"/> The Velveteen Rabbit (Williams)	AD820
<input type="checkbox"/> We Are in a Book! (Willems) +	200
<input type="checkbox"/> Wherever You Go, I Want You to Know... (Kruger)	AD500
<input type="checkbox"/> Where the Wild Things Are (Sendak)	AD740
<input type="checkbox"/> Who Sang the First Song? (Holcomb)	AD530

Informational & Science

Title	Lexile
<input type="checkbox"/> Amazing Whale (Thomson)	700
<input type="checkbox"/> A Tree Is a Plant (Bulla)	460
<input type="checkbox"/> City Colors (Milich)	70
<input type="checkbox"/> Follow the Water from Brook to Ocean (Dorros)	630
<input type="checkbox"/> From Seed to Pumpkin (Pfeffer)	500
<input type="checkbox"/> Have You Seen My Duckling? (Tafari)	AD500
<input type="checkbox"/> How a House Is Built (Gibbons)	560
<input type="checkbox"/> I Read Signs (Hoban)	310
<input type="checkbox"/> In the Small, Small Pond (Fleming)	NP
<input type="checkbox"/> My Five Senses (Alike)	530
<input type="checkbox"/> The Post Office Book (Gibbons)	450
<input type="checkbox"/> Truck (Crews)	430
<input type="checkbox"/> The Year at Maple Hill Farm (Provinsen)	650

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1st Grade Books

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<input type="checkbox"/> A Light in the Attic (Silverstein)	NP
<input type="checkbox"/> A Little Prairie House (Wilder)	AD630
<input type="checkbox"/> A Picture Book of George Washington (Adler)	AD750
<input type="checkbox"/> A Splendid Friend, Indeed (Bloom)	150
<input type="checkbox"/> The Bad Seed (John)	AD390
<input type="checkbox"/> Bedtime for Frances (Hoban) +	360
<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner Books (Seuss) +	370
<input type="checkbox"/> The Biggest Bear (Ward)	AD770
<input type="checkbox"/> Bink and Gollie (DiCamillo & McGhee)	510
<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome to the Cactus Hotel (Guiberson)	AD580
<input type="checkbox"/> The Cow That Went OINK (Most)	270
<input type="checkbox"/> Curious George (Rey) +	510
<input type="checkbox"/> Danny and the Dinosaur (Hoff) +	400
<input type="checkbox"/> The Day the Crayons Quit (Daywalt) +	AD730
<input type="checkbox"/> Doctor De Soto (Steig) +	AD560
<input type="checkbox"/> Dragons Love Tacos (Rubin)	AD520
<input type="checkbox"/> Duncan McTavish (Chase)	AD600
<input type="checkbox"/> Edward the Emu (Knowles)	AD550
<input type="checkbox"/> Flat Stanley (Brown) +	550
<input type="checkbox"/> Fly Guy (Arnold) +	380
<input type="checkbox"/> Frog and Toad Are Friends (Lobel) +	400
<input type="checkbox"/> Jesus, Our True Friend (Lloyd-Jones)	AD600
<input type="checkbox"/> The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross (Laferton)	AD600
<input type="checkbox"/> George the Drummer Boy (Benchley)	560
<input type="checkbox"/> His Grace Is Enough (Kruger)	AD560
<input type="checkbox"/> Ivy and Bean (Barrows)	AD580
<input type="checkbox"/> The Jesus Story Book Bible (Lloyd-Jones)	AD600
<input type="checkbox"/> Lewis and Clark: A Prairie Dog for the President (Redmond)	320
<input type="checkbox"/> Little Pilgrim's Progress (Taylor)	AD600
<input type="checkbox"/> Lon Po Po (Young)	670
<input type="checkbox"/> The Magic Fish (Littledale)	400
<input type="checkbox"/> Magicians Hat (Mitchell & Campay)	AD550
<input type="checkbox"/> Mercy Watson to the Rescue (DiCamillo) +	540

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<input type="checkbox"/> Miss Spider's Tea Party (Kirk)	AD810
<input type="checkbox"/> Nate the Great (Sharmat) +	340
<input type="checkbox"/> Otter Goes to School (Garton)	530
<input type="checkbox"/> Owl at Home (Lobel)	490
<input type="checkbox"/> Raising Dragons (Nolen)	AD670
<input type="checkbox"/> Sam the Minuteman (Benchley)	530
<input type="checkbox"/> Seven Blind Mice (Young)	AD530
<input type="checkbox"/> Snowflake Bentley (Martin)	AD830
<input type="checkbox"/> Starfish (Hurd)	AD370
<input type="checkbox"/> Stellaluna (Cannon)	AD550
<input type="checkbox"/> Stone Soup (McGovern)	480
<input type="checkbox"/> The Story of Ferdinand (Leaf)	AD470
<input type="checkbox"/> The Tale of Peter Rabbit (Potter) +	AD820
<input type="checkbox"/> The True Story of Pocahontas (Penner)	550
<input type="checkbox"/> The Velveteen Rabbit (Williams)	AD820
<input type="checkbox"/> What Do You Do With a Tail Like This? (Page)	AD510
<input type="checkbox"/> What to Do With Your Whirly, Swirly Thoughts	AD600
<input type="checkbox"/> Where the Wild Things Are (Sendak)	AD740
<input type="checkbox"/> Wise Words: Family Stories that Bring the Proverbs to Life (Leithart)	AD600

2nd Grade Books

Title	Lexile
<input type="checkbox"/> An Anteater Named Arthur (Waber)	510
<input type="checkbox"/> Bambi (Salten)	690
<input type="checkbox"/> The Bears on Hemlock Mountain (Dalgliesh)	590
<input type="checkbox"/> Beezus and Ramona (Cleary) +	780
<input type="checkbox"/> The Borrowers (Norton)	780
<input type="checkbox"/> The Boxcar Children (Warner) +	590
<input type="checkbox"/> Caps for Sale (Slobodkina)	610
<input type="checkbox"/> Charlotte's Web (White)	680
<input type="checkbox"/> Cork & Fuzz: Best Friends (Chaconas)	221
<input type="checkbox"/> The Cricket in Times Square (Selden) +	780
<input type="checkbox"/> The Courage of Sarah Noble (Dalgliesh)	AD610
<input type="checkbox"/> Dear Juno (Pak)	AD500
<input type="checkbox"/> Dick Wittington and His Cat (Brown)	400

<input type="checkbox"/> The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane (DiCamillo)	AD700
<input type="checkbox"/> The Emperor's New Clothes (Andersen)	650
<input type="checkbox"/> Fables (Lobel)	540
<input type="checkbox"/> A Gift for Tia Rosa (Taha)	400
<input type="checkbox"/> The Gingerbread Boy (Galdone)	AD580
<input type="checkbox"/> Helen Keller: Courage in the Dark (Hurwitz)	620
<input type="checkbox"/> Henry and Mudge (Rylant) +	460
<input type="checkbox"/> Hot, Hot Roti for Dada-ji (Zia)	AD580
<input type="checkbox"/> How Many Stars in the Sky? (Hort)	AD500
<input type="checkbox"/> The Hundred Dresses (Estes)	870
<input type="checkbox"/> Judy Moody Was in a Mood (McDonald) +	530
<input type="checkbox"/> Junie B. Jones (Park)	380
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie (Roop)	460
<input type="checkbox"/> The King Without a Shadow (Sproul)	700
<input type="checkbox"/> The Long Way to a New Land (Sandin)	340
<input type="checkbox"/> Lyle, Lyle Crocodile (Waber)	AD840
<input type="checkbox"/> Madeline (Bemelmans) +	AD680
<input type="checkbox"/> Magic Tree House (Osborne) +	750
<input type="checkbox"/> Mama Panya's Pancakes (Chamberlin)	AD600
<input type="checkbox"/> The Mouse and the Motorcycle (Cleary) +	860
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Popper's Penguins (Atwater)	910
<input type="checkbox"/> My First Little House Books (Wilder) +	AD670
<input type="checkbox"/> Owl Moon (Yolen)	550
<input type="checkbox"/> The Railway Children (Nesbit) +	840
<input type="checkbox"/> Ribsby (Cleary) +	820
<input type="checkbox"/> Sarah, Plain and Tall (MacLachlan)	660
<input type="checkbox"/> Secret Agents Four (Sobol)	750
<input type="checkbox"/> Seven Tales by H. C. Andersen (Le Gallienne)	700
<input type="checkbox"/> The Story of Ruby Bridges (Coles)	AD730
<input type="checkbox"/> Stone Soup (McGovern)	480
<input type="checkbox"/> Squanto and the First Thanksgiving (Kessel)	540
<input type="checkbox"/> Thunder at Gettysburg (Gauch)	750
<input type="checkbox"/> Tikki Tikki Tembo (Mosel)	AD910
<input type="checkbox"/> The Ugly Duckling (Andersen)	AD590
<input type="checkbox"/> Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears (Aardmas)	770

3rd Grade Books

Title	Lexile
<input type="checkbox"/> Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (Carroll)	860
<input type="checkbox"/> American Adventure Series (Reece) +	830
<input type="checkbox"/> American Girl Luciana (Teagen) +	740
<input type="checkbox"/> Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl (Frank)	670
<input type="checkbox"/> Ballet Shoes (Streatfeild)	930
<input type="checkbox"/> Because of Winn-Dixie (DiCamillo)	610
<input type="checkbox"/> The Biggest Story (DeYoung)	700
<input type="checkbox"/> The Black Stallion (Farley) +	680
<input type="checkbox"/> The Borrowers (Norton)	780
<input type="checkbox"/> The Chocolate Touch (Catling)	740
<input type="checkbox"/> Carry On, Mr. Bowditch (Lathan)	570
<input type="checkbox"/> Clementine, Friend of the Week (Pennypacker)	700
<input type="checkbox"/> Detectives in Togas (Winterfeld)	700
<input type="checkbox"/> The Door in the Dragon's Throat (Peretti)	850
<input type="checkbox"/> Encyclopedia Brown (Sobol) +	630
<input type="checkbox"/> Friends for Freedom (Slade)	800
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulliver's Stories, Scholastic Jr. Classic (Swift)	670
<input type="checkbox"/> The Hardy Boys (Dixon) +	570
<input type="checkbox"/> Henry Huggins (Cleary) +	670
<input type="checkbox"/> I Love Saturdays y Domingos (Ada)	510
<input type="checkbox"/> James and the Giant Peach (Dahl)	790
<input type="checkbox"/> The Jungle Book, Scholastic Jr. Classic (Kipling)	800
<input type="checkbox"/> Just So Stories (Kipling)	810
<input type="checkbox"/> Kid Spy (Barnett)	600
<input type="checkbox"/> The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (Lewis) +	940
<input type="checkbox"/> The Little Prince (de Saint)	710
<input type="checkbox"/> The Littles (Peterson)	590
<input type="checkbox"/> Magic School Bus (Cole) +	620
<input type="checkbox"/> Martin Luther King Jr. and the March on Washington (Ruffin)	550
<input type="checkbox"/> The Magician's Nephew (Lewis)	790
<input type="checkbox"/> Miss Pickerell (MacGregor) +	800
<input type="checkbox"/> The Moffats (Estes)	800
<input type="checkbox"/> My Father's Dragon (Gannett) +	970
<input type="checkbox"/> National Geographic Kids: Planets (Carney)	600

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<input type="checkbox"/> Paddle-to-the-Sea (Holling)	840
<input type="checkbox"/> Peter Pan (Barrie)	500
<input type="checkbox"/> Pinocchio (Collodi)	790
<input type="checkbox"/> Pippi Longstocking (Lindgren) +	870
<input type="checkbox"/> Sarah, Plain and Tall (MacLachlan) +	660
<input type="checkbox"/> Sideways Stories from Wayside School (Sachar) +	530
<input type="checkbox"/> Stone Fox (Gardiner)	610
<input type="checkbox"/> Stephen: God's Courageous Witness (VOM)	AD600
<input type="checkbox"/> The Story of God: I Am Creator (Allen)	AD700
<input type="checkbox"/> The Story of the Treasure Seekers (Nesbit)	800
<input type="checkbox"/> Stuart Little (White)	920
<input type="checkbox"/> Time of Wonder (McCloskey)	940
<input type="checkbox"/> Thoughts to Make Your Heart Sing (Lloyd-Jones)	AD600
<input type="checkbox"/> The Trumpet of the Swan (White)	750
<input type="checkbox"/> Twenty and Ten (Bishop)	630
<input type="checkbox"/> Who Was Rosa Parks? (McDonough) +	700
<input type="checkbox"/> Who Would Win? (Pallotta) +	660
<input type="checkbox"/> Winnie the Pooh (Milne)	790

4th Grade Books

Title	Lexile
<input type="checkbox"/> The 101 Dalmatians (Smith)	830
<input type="checkbox"/> 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (Verne)	890
<input type="checkbox"/> The Birchbark House (Erdrich)	970
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Beauty (Sewell)	850
<input type="checkbox"/> The Call of the Wild (London)	790
<input type="checkbox"/> Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Dahl)	810
<input type="checkbox"/> The Cooper Kids Adventure (Peretti) +	820
<input type="checkbox"/> The Door in the Wall (de Angeli)	920
<input type="checkbox"/> From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basel E. Frankweiler (Konigsburg)	700
<input type="checkbox"/> The Ghost of the Grand Canyon (Marsh)	840
<input type="checkbox"/> Ginger Pye (Estes)	990
<input type="checkbox"/> Harriet the Spy (Fitzhugh)	760
<input type="checkbox"/> The Horse and His Boy (Lewis) +	970
<input type="checkbox"/> The Indian in the Cupboard (Banks)	780

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<input type="checkbox"/> Island of the Blue Dolphins (O'Dell)	1000
<input type="checkbox"/> Joan of Arc (Stanley)	980
<input type="checkbox"/> Joni (Eareckson)	710
<input type="checkbox"/> King of the Wind (Henry)	830
<input type="checkbox"/> Leif the Lucky (D'Aulaire)	930
<input type="checkbox"/> The Lightning Thief (Riordan) +	740
<input type="checkbox"/> Little House on the Prairie (Wilder)	760
<input type="checkbox"/> Loser (Spinelli)	710
<input type="checkbox"/> The Magna Charta (Daugherty)	900
<input type="checkbox"/> Mary Poppins (Travers) +	830
<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles on Maple Hill (Sorensen)	750
<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh (O'Brien)	790
<input type="checkbox"/> Nancy Drew (Keene) +	710
<input type="checkbox"/> One and Only Ivan (Applegate)	570
<input type="checkbox"/> Paddington (Bond) +	1070
<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Bunyan (Kellogg)	1030
<input type="checkbox"/> Prince Caspian (Lewis) +	870
<input type="checkbox"/> The Princess and the Goblin (MacDonald) +	1030
<input type="checkbox"/> The Prydain Chronicles (Alexander) +	760
<input type="checkbox"/> The Real Thief (Steig)	960
<input type="checkbox"/> The Shakespeare Stealer (Blackwood)	780
<input type="checkbox"/> Starry Messenger: Galileo (Sis)	830
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuck Everlasting (Babbitt)	770
<input type="checkbox"/> The Trumpet of the Swan (White)	750
<input type="checkbox"/> The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle (Lofting) +	860
<input type="checkbox"/> The Wheel on the School (De Jong)	710
<input type="checkbox"/> Where the Red Fern Grows (Rawls)	700
<input type="checkbox"/> Who Was Jackie Robinson? (Herman)	670
<input type="checkbox"/> Wonder (Palacio)	790
<input type="checkbox"/> Yours Truly, Goldilocks (Ada)	810

5th Grade Books

Title	Lexile
<input type="checkbox"/> A Long Walk to Water (Park)	720
<input type="checkbox"/> The Adventures of Robin Hood (Green)	1110
<input type="checkbox"/> Anne of Green Gables (Montgomery)	970
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Willow (Gates)	920
<input type="checkbox"/> The Bronze Bow (Speare)	760
<input type="checkbox"/> Bud, Not Buddy (Curtis)	800
<input type="checkbox"/> Farmer Boy (Wilder)	820
<input type="checkbox"/> Heidi (Spyri)	1000
<input type="checkbox"/> The Hobbit (Tolkien)	1000
<input type="checkbox"/> Indian Captive (Lenski)	800
<input type="checkbox"/> Island of the Blue Dolphins (O'Dell)	1000
<input type="checkbox"/> Johnny Tremain (Forbes)	840
<input type="checkbox"/> Journey to the Center of the Earth (Verne)	1030
<input type="checkbox"/> Julie of the Wolves (George)	860
<input type="checkbox"/> The Jungle Book (Kipling)	1140
<input type="checkbox"/> King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table (Green)	1130
<input type="checkbox"/> Little Women (Alcott)	1300
<input type="checkbox"/> Mandie (Leppard)	860
<input type="checkbox"/> My Side of the Mountain (George)	810
<input type="checkbox"/> Old Yeller (Gipson)	910
<input type="checkbox"/> Peter Pan (Barrie)	980
<input type="checkbox"/> The Phantom Tollbooth (Juster)	1000
<input type="checkbox"/> Pollyanna (Porter) +	870
<input type="checkbox"/> The Princess and the Goblin (MacDonald)	1030
<input type="checkbox"/> The Red Badge of Courage (Crane)	900
<input type="checkbox"/> Robin Hood (Green)	1110
<input type="checkbox"/> Robinson Crusoe (Defoe)	920
<input type="checkbox"/> Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (Taylor)	920
<input type="checkbox"/> The Secret Garden (Burnett)	920
<input type="checkbox"/> A Series of Unfortunate Events (Snicket) +	1010
<input type="checkbox"/> Shiloh (Reynolds)	890
<input type="checkbox"/> The Silver Chair (Lewis) +	840
<input type="checkbox"/> Sounder (Armstrong)	900
<input type="checkbox"/> Swiss Family Robinson (Wyss)	880

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<input type="checkbox"/> Through the Looking Glass (Carroll)	850
<input type="checkbox"/> The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (Lewis) +	970
<input type="checkbox"/> The Wise Woman (MacDonald)	1000
<input type="checkbox"/> The Witch of Blackbird Pond (Speare)	850
<input type="checkbox"/> Where the Red Fern Grows (Rawls)	700
<input type="checkbox"/> The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (Baum)	1000
<input type="checkbox"/> A Wrinkle in Time (L'Engle) +	740