



Dear Great Hearts Monte Vista Parents,

Books are at the core of a classical, liberal arts education. At Great Hearts Academies, it has always been the tradition for students to develop a personal library of books that they mark in, keep and return to during their time at Great Hearts and which they will be able to treasure for years to come. We call these books “Classics to Keep”. Learning to take notes and produce in-line annotations are also a key component to instruction at Great Hearts, so it is essential for students to have their own copies, if at all possible.

In cases of financial hardship, Great Hearts does keep a small inventory of additional books available for loan, but your child will not be able to mark in these books and they must be returned in good condition. See below for the master list; the rest of the pages in this document provide details for each grade level.

Included on each page is a suggested summer reading list. These are entirely optional and families are not expected to purchase these additional titles. We thought we’d include them here anyhow since they would be excellent choices to check out from the public library over the summer or to supplement your child’s personal library.

Kindergarten

Mouse Tales

Little Bear Boxed Set

Grasshopper on the Road

Mouse Soup

1st Grade

Owl at Home

Frog & Toad Box Collection

A Bargain for Frances

The Bears on Hemlock Mountain

Selected Tales from Beatrix Potter

Three Tales of My Father’s Dragon

2nd Grade

Charlotte’s Web

Sarah, Plain and Tall

Little House in the Big Woods

The Courage of Sarah Noble

The Boxcar Children

3rd Grade

Little House on the Prairie

Pinocchio

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

The Jungle Book

The Trumpet of the Sawn

The Little Prince

4th Grade

King Arthur and the Round Table

Robin Hood

Wonderful Wizard of Oz

Prince Caspian

The Princess & the Goblin

Carry on Mr. Bowditch

5th Grade

Grimm’s Fairy Tales

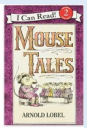


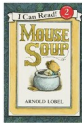
The Secret Garden

Where the Red Fern Grows

A Wrinkle in Time

Voyage of the Dawn Treader



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Mouse Tales	Arnold Lobel	978-0064440134	
Little Bear Boxed Set	Else Holmelund Minarik	978-0064441971	
Grasshopper on the Road	Arnold Lobel	978-0064440943	
Mouse Soup	Arnold Lobel	978-0064440417	

Shopping Notes:

Suggested Summer Reading List	
A Child's Garden of Verses, by Robert Louis Stevenson	Mother Goose Melodies (Facsimile of Mumroe and Francis (Copyright 1833" Version)
A Kate Greenaway Family Treasury by Kate Greenaway	My Mother Goose Library by Iona Opie
Aesop's Fables Illustrated by Thomas Bewick	My First oxford Book of Poems by John Foster
Caldecott's Favorite Nursery Rhymes by Randolph Caldecott	My First Oxford Book of Stores by Geraldine McCaughrean
Fairy Tales by Hans Chrisan Andersen, illustrated by Peedersen and Frolich	Eloise Wilin's Poems to Read to the Very Young by Eloise Wilkin
First Verses—Finger Rhymes by John Foster	The Original Mother Goose, or The Real Mother Goose, illustrated by Blanche Fisher Wright
First Verses—Action Rhymes by John Foster	The Oxford Nunnery Treasury by Ian Beck
First Verses—Chanting Rhymes by John Foster	What Your Kindergartner needs to know by E. D. Hirsch
First Verses—Counting Rhymes by John Foster	
Mother Goose—color reprint of 1928 edition	



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Owl at Home	Arnold Lobel	978-0064440349	
Frog and Toad Box Collection	Arnold Lobel	978-0060580865	
A Bargain for Frances	Russell Hoban	978-0064440011	
The Bears on Hemlock Mountain	Alice Dagliesh	978-0689716041	
Selected Tales from Beatrix Potter	Beatrix Potter	978-0723258599	
Three Tales of My Father's Dragon	Ruth Stiles Gannett	978-0679889113	

Shopping Notes:

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Children's Treasury of Virtues by William Bennett	Lon Po Po by Young
Fables by Arnold Lobel	Make Way for Ducklings and others by Robert McCloskey
Fairy Tales by Hans Christan Andersen illustrated by Peedersen and Frloich	Snow Day and others by Ezra Jack Keats
Favorite Poems of Childhood by Phillip Smith	Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf
My Favorite Story Book by W. G. Vande Hulste RA	Stuart Little by E. B. White
Paddington Treasury by Michael Bond	Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible No Good, Very Bad Day by J. Viorst	George the Drummer Boy by Nathaniel Benchley
Corduroy by Don Freeman	So That's How the Moon Changes Shape! By Fowler
Cross Country Cat by Mary Calhoun	Solids, Liquids, and Gases by Garrett
Librarian Who Measured the Earth by Kathryn Lasky	What is Electricity? By Trumbauer



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Charlotte's Web	E. B. White	978-0064400558	
Sarah, Plain and Tall	Patricia MacLachlan	978-0062399526	
Little House in the Big Woods	Laura Ingalls Wilder	978-0064400015	
The Courage of Sarah Noble	Alice Dalgliesh	978-0689715402	
The Boxcar Children	Gertrude Chandler Warner	978-0807508527	

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Happy Prince and Other Fairy Tales by Oscar Wilde	Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes
Johnny Appleseed by Reeve Lindbergh	Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln by Jean Fritz
No We Are Six by A. A. Milne	Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling
Adventures of the Little Wooden Horse by Ursula Moray Williams	Pecos Bill by Kellogg
Adventures of Tom Bombadil by J. R. R. Tolkien	Pyramid by David McCaulay
And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? By Jean Fritz	The Reluctant Dragon by Kenneth Grahame
Bard of Avon: The Story of William Shakespeare by Diane Stanley	Tale of Three Trees by Angela Hunt
Burt Dow, Deep Water Man by Robert McCloskey	Cleopatra by Diane Stanley
Castle by David McCaulay	Chickens Aren't the Only Ones by Heller
Graine of Rice by Helena Clare Pittman	Diary of a Worm by Cronin



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Little House on the Prairie	Laura Ingalls Wilder	978-0064400022	
Pinocchio	Carlo Collodi	978-0143136095	
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe	C. S. Lewis	978-0064471046	
The Jungle Book	Rudyard Kipling	978-0486410241	
The Trumpet of the Swan	E. B. White	978-0064408677	
The Little Prince	Antoine de Saint-Exupery	978-0156012195	

Shopping Notes: After having several issues finding still-in-print editions of *Pinocchio*, that can al so be sourced by our vendors, we have had to change to the Penguin Edition for the 2025-2026 school year. Previously we had settled on Seawolf Press (978-1956221879).

Suggested Summer Reading List	
Adventures of Tintin by Herge	Famous Men of Greece by John H. Haaren
Adventures of Ulysses by Charles Lamb	Famous Men of Rome by John H. Haaren
Aeneid for Boys and Girls by Alfred J. Church	Alexander Graham Bell by Macleod
Beautiful Stories from Shakespeare by Edith Nesbit	Amphibians by Stewart
Beauty and the Beast by Charles Lamb	Arctic Tundra by Forman
Children of Odin by Padraic Colum	Experiments with the Sun and Moon by Tocci
Heroes of Asgard by A. E. Keary	Food Chain Frenzy by Capeci
My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George	Mammals by Stewart
Benjamin Frankline by D'Aulaire	Reptiles by Stewart
Davy Crockett by Aileen Wells Parks	Sound, Heath & Light: energy at Work by Berger



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King Arthur and the Round Table	Alice Hadfield	978-1890517359	
Robin Hood	J. Walker McSpadden	978-1890517168	
Wonderful Wizard of Oz	Frank Baum	9780141321028	
Prince Caspian	Lewis Carrol	978-0064471053	
The Princess & the Goblin	George McDonald	978-0618250745	
Carry on Mr. Bowditch	Jean Lee Latham	978-0141332482	

Shopping Notes: *Robin Hood* and *King Arthur* can be purchased from Core Knowledge and is often significantly cheaper than purchasing through Amazon, but may have slow shipping times. B&N changed their edition of *Wizard of Oz* recently (old ISBN: 978-1593082215).

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D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths by Ingri and Edgar D'Aulaire	Skylark by Patricia MacLachlan
The Borrowers by Mary Norton	Sunder by William Armstrong
Call it Courage by Armstrong Perry	Turn Homeward, Hanalee by Patricia Beatty
Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl	Winged Watchman by Hilda van Stockum
The Golden Key by George McDonald	Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes
Gone Away Lake by Elizabeth Enright	King of the Wind by M. Henry
Little Britches: Father & I Were Ranchers by Ralph Moody	Elizabeth Blackwell by Joanne Landers Henry
Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster	Dorling Kindersley Eyewitness Books
Pollyanna by Eleanor Porter	American Tall Tales by Adrien Stoutenburg
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor	The Princess & Curdie by George McDonald



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Grimm's Fairy Tales	The Brother's Grimm	See Note	See Note
The Secret Garden	Francis Hodgson Burnett	978-0064401883	
Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls	978-0440412670	
A Wrinkle in Time	Madelein L'Engle	978-0312367541	
Voyage of the Dawn Treader	C. S. Lewis	978-0064471077	

Shopping Notes: Individual stories from *Brothers Grimm* will be provided to your scholar in the form of handouts.

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Beowulf, the Warrior by Ian Serraillier	Swiss Family Robinson by Johann Wyss
Book of Americans by Rosemary & Stephen V. Benet	Ten Tales from Shakespeare by Charles and Mary Lamb
Child's History of England by Charles Dickens	The Cabin Faced West by Jean Fritz
Child's History of the World by V. M. Hillyer	Sacajawea by Bruchac
Myths of the World by Padraic Colum	Clara Burton by August Stevenson
Bambi: A Life in the Woods by Felix Salten	Teddy Roosevelt by Edd Winfield Parks
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott	Henry Ford by Hazel B. Aird
Prince and Pauper Mark Twain	Animal World by Howell
Robinson Crusoe Daniel Defoe	Experiments with Plants by Tocci
Sherlock Holmes by Sir Aurthur Conan Doyle	The Periodic Table by Tocci