

Elizabeth Ann Clune Montessori School of Ithaca
Upper Level Summer Reading List 2015

First Year Students

Choose at least 3 books from this list for the summer:

Sign of the Beaver – Elizabeth George Speare
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson – Bette Lord
Trumpet of the Swan – E. B. White
Black Star, Bright Dawn – Scott O’Dell
The Trouble with Tuck – Theodore Taylor
Poppy – Avi
Poppy and Rye – Avi
Ragweed - Avi
The Summer of the Swans – Betsy Byars
Abel’s Island – William Steig
The Indian in the Cupboard – Lynne Reid Banker
The Magician’s Elephant – Kate DiCamillo
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane – Kate DiCamillo

We will make novel selections for the year from the following...**Please do not read over the summer**:

The Cricket in Times Square – George Selden
Farmer Boy – Laura Ingalls Wilder
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh – Robert O’Brien
Stuart Little – E.B. White
Shiloh – Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
The Cay – Theodore Taylor
Souder – William H. Armstrong
Freedom Train – Dorothy Sterling
My Side of the Mountain – Jean Craighead George
Steal Away – Jennifer Armstrong
The Watsons Go to Birmingham – Christopher Paul Curtis
The Birchbark House – Louise Erdrich

Second Year Students

Choose at least 3 books from this list for the summer:

Secret of the Andes – Ann Nolan Clark
Walk Two Moons – Sharon Creech
Tuck Everlasting – Natalie Babbitt
The Talking Earth – Jean Craighead George

Frightful's Mountain – Jean Craighead George
Navajo Long Walk – Nancy Armstrong
The Invention of Hugo Cabret – Brian Selznik
Journey to the Center of the Earth – Jules Verne
The Mighty Miss Malone – Christopher Paul Curtis
Elijah of Buxton - Christopher Paul Curtis
Gingersnap – Patricia Reilly Giff
A Long Walk to Water – Linda Sue Park
A Simple Shard – Linda Sue Park

We will make novel selections for the year from the following...**Please do not read over the summer:**

Island of the Blue Dolphins – Scott O'Dell
Julie of the Wolves – Jean Craighead George
Number the Stars – Lois Lowry
Bridge to Terabithia – Katherine Paterson
The Wanderer – Sharon Creech
Sojourner Truth – Patricia and Fredrick McKissack
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Mildred Taylor
Selections by Madeline L'Engle
Antarctica, Journey to the Pole – Peter Lerangis
Stepping on the Cracks – Mary Downing Hahn
Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Bay – Gary D. Schmidt
Esperanza Rising – Pam Nuno Ryan
The Liberation of Gabriel King – K.L. Going

Third Year Students

Choose at least 3 books from this list for the summer:

Ronia, the Robber's Daughter – Astrid Lindgren
Sara Bishop – Scott O'Dell (only available as an e-book)
The Bloody Country – James Lincoln Collier & Christopher Collier (only available as an e-book)
Calico Bush – Rachel Field
The Drummer Boy of Vicksburg – G. Clifton Wisler
Which Way Freedom – Joyce Hansen
Indian Captive – Lois Lenski
The Witch of Blackbird Pond – Elizabeth George Speare
If I Just Had Two Wings – Virginia Frances Schwartz
The Land – Mildred Taylor
Catherine Called Birdy – Karen Cushman
Ella Enchanted – Gail Carson Levine

Storyteller – Patricia Reilly Giff
The Cross of Lead – Avi
The Fighting Ground - Avi

We will make novel selections for the year from the following...**Please do not read over the summer:**

Plays from Shakespeare – Romeo & Juliet or Julius Caesar
Slave Dancer – Paula Fox
Calico Captive – Elizabeth George Speare
Constance – Patricia Clapp
Encounter – Jane Yolen
The Landing of the Pilgrims – James Daugherty
Wintering by William Durbin
Following My Own Foot Steps –Mary Downing Hahn
The Door In the Wall – Marguerite de Angeli
The Midwife’s Apprentice – Karen Cushman
Dealing with Dragons – Patricia C. Wrede
Zeeley – Virginia Hamilton
Fire, Bed and Bone – Henrietta Branford

If you like to read books in a series, these might interest.

The Last Dragon Chronicles – Chris d’Lacey
The Oz Collection – Frank Baum
Percy Jackson and the Olympians – Rick Riordan
Heroes of the Olympians – Rick Riordan
The Mysterious Benedict Society – Trenton Lee Stewart
The 39 Clues – Rick Riordan
Emily Windsnap Series – Liz Kessler
Wolves of the Beyond – Kathryn Lasky
Guardians of Ga’Hoole – Kathryn Lasky