

Odyssey Charter School Approved Classical Literature

As we work toward a classical education for your child, our goal is that we use books that are classical in nature, proven quality literature, and somewhat time-tested, enabling your child to become a great thinker, learner and contributor to society. Students may pick from any of these books for book reports, as long as they are **reasonably challenging**. Teachers may approve books not included on this list.

Caldecott (picture book) winners and honors Newberry (literary) winners and honors

Grades K-3

- Aardema, Verna. *Who's in Rabbit's House?*
Aesop. *Fables*
Asch, Frank. *Mooncake*
Atwater, Richard and Florence. *Mr. Popper's Penguins*
Bemelmans, Ludwig. *Madeline*
Benchley, Nathaniel. *Sam the Minuteman*
Blume, Judy. *Freckle Juice*
Brett, Jan. *The Mitten*
Briggs, Raymond. *The Snowman*
Brown, Marcia. *Stone Soup*
Brown, Margaret Wise. *Goodnight Moon*
Brunhoff, Jean de. *The Story of Babar*
Burton, Virginia Lee. *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*
Burton, Virginia Lee. *The Little House*
Carle, Eric. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*
Cleary, Beverly. *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*
Collodi, Carlo. *Adventures of Pinocchio*
Crampton, Gertrude. *Tootle*
Crews, Donald. *Freight Train*
Daugherty, James. *Andy and the Lion*
dePaola, Tomie. *Strega Nona*
Flack, Marjorie. *The Angus series*
Flack, Marjorie. *The Story about Ping*
Freeman, Don. *Corduroy*
Fritz, Jean. *The Cabin Faced West*
Gag, Wanda. *Millions of Cats*
Galdone, Paul. *The Three Little Pigs*
Goble, Paul. *The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses*
Gramatky, Hardie. *Little Toot*
Hoban, Russell. *Bedtime for Frances*
Holabird, Katharine. *Angelina Ballerina*
Jackson, Kathryn & Byron. *The Saggy Baggy Elephant*
Johnson, Crockett. *Harold and the Purple Crayon*
Joyce, William. *George Shrinks*
Keats, Ezra Jack. *The Snowy Day*
Kellogg, Steven. *Prehistoric Pinkerton*
Kraus, Robert. *Leo the Late Bloomer*
Krauss, Ruth. *The Carrot Seed*
Krauss, Ruth. *A Hole is to Dig: A first book of definitions*
Leaf, Munro. *The Story of Ferdinand*
Lear, Edward. *A Book of Nonsense*
Lear, Edward. *The Owl and the Pussycat*
Levinson, Riki. *Watch the Stars Come Out*
Lionni, Leo. *Frederick*
Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad Are Friends*
Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth. *Paul Revere's Ride*
Lopshire, Robert. *Put Me in the Zoo*
Lowrey, Janette Sebring. *The Pokey Little Puppy*
Marshall, James. *George and Martha*
McCloskey, Robert. *Blueberries for Sal*
McCloskey, Robert. *Make Way for Ducklings*
McDermott, Gerald. *Anansi the Spider*
Merriam, Eve. *You'll be Good and I'll be Night: Jump on the Bed Poems*
Milne, A.A. *Winnie-the-Pooh*
Noble, Tinka Hakes. *The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash*
Parish, Peggy. *Amelia Bedelia*
Piper, Watty. *The Little Engine That Could*
Potter, Beatrix. *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*
Rey, H.A. *Curious George*
Sendak, Maurice. *Where the Wild Things Are*
Sendak, Maurice. *The Nutshell Library*
Seuss, Dr. *The Cat in the Hat*
Seuss, Dr. *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*
Seuss, Dr. *Fox in Sox*
Slobodkina, Esphyr. *Caps for Sale*
Steig, William. *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*
Steig, William. *Doctor De Soto*
Stevenson, Robert Louis. *A Child's Garden of Verses*
Taylor, Sydney. *All-of-a-Kind Family*
Thompson, Kay. *Eloise*
Thurber, James. *Many Moons*
Udry, Janice May. *A Tree is Nice*
Van Allsburg, Chris. *The Garden of Abdul Gasazi*
Van Allsburg, Chris. *The Polar Express*
Viorst, Judith. *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*
Ward, Lynd. *The Biggest Bear*
White, E.B. *Charlotte's Web*
Williams, Vera B. *A Chair for my Mother*
Wood, Don & Audrey. *The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry and the Hungry Bear*
Williams, Margery. *The Velveteen Rabbit*
Wood, Don & Audrey. *The Napping House*
Yashima, Taro. *Crow Boy*
Zion, Gene. *Harry the Dirty Dog*
Zolotow, Charlotte. *William's Doll*

Grades 4-6

Alexander, Lloyd. *Chronicles of Prydain*
Andersen, Hans Christian. *Fairy Tales*
Armstrong, William H. *Souder*
Babbitt, Natalie. *Tuck Everlasting*
Banks, Lynne Reid. *The Indian in the Cupboard*
Barrie, James M. *Peter Pan*
Baum, L. Frank. *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*
Boston, L.M. *The Children of Green Knowe*
Brink, Carol Ryrie. *Caddie Woodlawn*
Brooks, Gwendolyn. *Bronzeville Boys and Girls*
Burnett, Frances Hodgson. *The Secret Garden*
Byars, Betsy. *The Summer of the Swans*
Cleary, Beverly. *Henry Huggins*
Cleary, Beverly. *Ramona the Pest*
Coerr, Eleanor. *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*
Cooper, Susan. *The Dark is Rising Sequence*
D'Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar Parin. *D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths*
Dahl, Roald. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*
Dahl, Roald. *James and the Giant Peach*
Dodge, Mary Mapes. *Hans Brinker, or the Silver Skates*
Eager, Edward. *Half Magic*
Edmonds, Walter D. *The Matchlock Gun*
Enright, Elizabeth. *Thimble Summer*
Estes, Eleanor. *The Moffats*
Farley, Walter. *The Black Stallion*
Field, Rachel. *Hitty: Her First Hundred Years*
Fisher, Dorothy Canfield. *Understood Betsy*
Fitzhugh, Louise. *Harriet the Spy*
George, Jean Craighead. *My Side of the Mountain*
Gipson, Fred. *Old Yeller*
Grahame, Kenneth. *The Reluctant Dragon*
Grahame, Kenneth. *The Wind in the Willows*
Grimm, Jacob and Wilhelm. *The Complete Grimm's Fairy Tales*
(*Hänsel and Gretel, Rapunzel, etc.*)
Hamilton, Virginia. *The House of Dies Drear*
Hamilton, Virginia. *The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales*
Henry, Marguerite. *King of the Wind*
Henry, Marguerite. *Misty of Chincoteague*
Howe, Deborah. *Bunnica*
Hughes, Langston. *The Dream Keeper and Other Poems*
Irving, Washington. *Rip Van Winkle*
Juster, Norton. *The Phantom Tollbooth*
Kjelgaard, Jim. *Big Red*
King-Smith, Dick. *Babe the Gallant Pig*
Kingsley, Charles. *The Water Babies*
Kipling, Rudyard. *The Jungle Book*
Knight, Eric. *Lassie Come Home*
Konigsburg, E.L. *From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*

Lamb, Charles and Mary. *Tales from Shakespeare*
Lawson, Robert. *Ben and Me*
Lanski, Lois. *Strawberry Girl*
Lester, Julius. *To Be a Slave*
Lester, Julius. *The Tales of Uncle Remus*
Lewis, C.S. *The Chronicles of Narnia*
Lindgren, Astrid. *Pippi Longstocking*
Lofting, Hugh. *Doctor Dolittle*
Lovelace, Maud Hart. *Betsy-Tacy*
Macaulay, David. *Castle*
MacLachlan, Patricia. *Sarah Plain and Tall*
McCloskey, Robert. *Homer Price*
Merrill, Jean. *The Pushcart War*
Morey, Walt. *Gentle Ben*
Nesbit, E. *The Railway Children*
North, Sterling. *Rascal*
Norton, Mary. *The Borrowers*
O'Brien, Robert C. *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh*
Paterson, Katherine. *Bridge to Terabithia*
Paulsen, Gary. *Hatchet*
Pearce, Philippa. *Tom's Midnight Garden*
Perrault, Charles. *The Complete Fairy Tales (Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, etc.)*
Sandburg, Carl. *Rootabaga Stories*
Sawyer, Ruth. *Roller Skates*
Selden, George. *The Cricket in Times Square*
Sewell, Anna. *Black Beauty*
Sharp, Margery. *The Rescuers*
Silverstein, Shel. *Where the Sidewalk Ends*
Steig, William. *Abel's Island*
Steig, William. *Dominic*
Spyri, Johanna. *Heidi*
Travers, P. L. *Mary Poppins*
White, E.B. *Stuart Little*
Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *Little House on the Prairie*
Wyss, Johann David. *Swiss Family Robinson*

Grades 7th and 8th

Alcott, Louisa May. *Little Women*
Bagnold, Enid. *National Velvet*
Bradbury, Ray. *Fahrenheit 451*
Bunyan, John. *The Pilgrim's Progress*
Burnford, Sheila. *The Incredible Journey*
Carroll, Lewis. *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*
Christopher, John. *The White Mountains*
Cooper, James Fenimore. *The Last of the Mohicans*
Defoe, Daniel. *Robinson Crusoe*
Dickens, Charles. *A Christmas Carol*
Douglass, Frederick. *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan. *Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*
Du Bois, William Pène. *The Twenty-one Balloons*
Dumas, Alexandre. *The Count of Monte Cristo*
Eckert, Allan W. *Incident At Hawk's Hill*

Engdahl, Sylvia Louise. *Enchantress From the Stars*
Forbes, Esther. *Johnny Tremain*
Forester, C.S. *The Horatio Hornblower Series*
Frank, Anne. *Diary of a Young Girl*
Frost, Robert. *Poems*
George, Jean Craighead. *Julie of the Wolves*
Gilbreth, Frank B. Jr. and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey. *Cheaper by the Dozen*
Hautzig, Esther. *The Endless Steppe*
Hilton, James. *Goodbye, Mr. Chips*
Hinton, S.E. *The Outsiders*
Hugo, Victor. *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*
Hunt, Irene. *Across Five Aprils*
Hunter, Mollie. *A Stranger Came Ashore*
Irving, Washington. *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*
Keith, Harold. *Rifles for Watie*
Keller, Helen. *Story of My Life*
Kipling, Rudyard. *Kim*
LeGuin, Ursula K. *A Wizard of Earthsea*
L'Engle, Madeleine. *A Wrinkle in Time*
London, Jack. *Call of the Wild*
Malory, Sir Thomas. *Le Morte d'Arthur*
Mazer, Harry. *The Last Mission*
McCaffrey, Anne. *Dragonsong*
McKinley, Robin. *The Hero and the Crown*
Montgomery, L.M. *Anne of Green Gables*
O'Dell, Scott. *Island of the Blue Dolphins*
O'Hara, Mary. *My Friend Flicka*
Paterson, Katherine. *Jacob Have I Loved*
Peck, Richard. *The Ghost Belonged To Me*
Peck, Robert Newton. *A Day No Pigs Would Die*
Pyle, Howard. *The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood*
Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan. *The Yearling*
Rawls, Wilson. *Where the Red Fern Grows*
Reiss, Johanna. *The Upstairs Room*
Saint-Exupéry, Antoine de. *The Little Prince*
Schaefer, Jack. *Shane*
Scott, Sir Walter. *Ivanhoe*
Shelley, Mary. *Frankenstein*
Smith, Betty. *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*
Speare, Elizabeth George. *The Sign of the Beaver*
Speare, Elizabeth George. *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*
Sperry, Armstrong. *Call It Courage*
Steinbeck, John. *The Red Pony*
Stevenson, Robert Louis. *Treasure Island*
Taylor, Mildred D. *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*
Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Hobbit*
Twain, Mark. *Adventures of Tom Sawyer*
Twain, Mark. *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*
Uchida, Yoshiko. *Journey to Topaz*
Verne, Jules. *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*
Webster, Jean. *Daddy-Long-Legs*
Wells, H.G. *War of the Worlds*
Wilder, Thornton. *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*

Yep, Laurence. *Dragonwings*
Zindel, Paul. *The Pigman*