

Pinnacle Classical Academy 2023 Summer Reading

Few things are more helpful to students entering the next year of school than reading during summer vacation. PCA is asking students in each grade to read the following assigned books along with others of their choosing. Please see below for the list of assigned books and additional recommendations for each grade level. **Students need to be prepared to jump right into a discussion about their assigned books when they return in the fall.** Another excellent resource is: <https://biblicalhomeschooling.org/classical/celoop/1000.html#contents>.

LOWER SCHOOL

Rising 1st graders:

Recommended: Read aloud to your child and/or have your child read aloud to you for at least 15 minutes five days a week.

Rising 2nd graders

Required: *The Drinking Gourd* (Monjo), *Mummies in the Morning* (Osborne), *Sarah, Plain and Tall* (MacLachlan)

Recommended: *Henry and Mudge* series (Rylant), *Amelia Bedelia* series (Parish), *Peter Rabbit* (Potter), *Floss* (Lewis), *Nate the Great* series (Sharmat), *The Hundred Dresses* (Estes)

Rising 3rd graders:

Required: *Charlotte's Web* (White), *The Indian in the Cupboard* (Banks)

Recommended: *Little House* series (Wilder), *The Boxcar Children* series (Warner), Beverly Cleary books

Rising 4th graders:

Required: *Charlotte's Web* (White), *The Indian in the Cupboard* (Banks)

Recommended: *Green Ember* series (Smith), *Hardy Boys* series (Dixon), *Nancy Drew* series (Keene), *The Chronicles of Narnia* series (Lewis), *Misty of Chincoteague* series (Henry)

Rising 5th graders:

Required: *Tuck Everlasting* (Babbit), *The Cay* (Taylor)

Rising 6th graders:

Required: *Tuck Everlasting* (Babbit), *The Cay* (Taylor)

UPPER SCHOOL

Rising 7th-9th graders:

Required: *The Pilgrim's Progress* (Bunyan), *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (Twain), *Daniel, Lincoln's Speeches* (selected list below)

- *Handbill Replying to Charges of Infidelity*
- *Eulogy of Henry Clay*
- *Speech on the Kansas-Nebraska Act*
- *"House Divided" Speech*
- *Fifth Lincoln-Douglas Debate*
- *Speech at Columbus, Ohio*
- *First Inaugural Address*
- *Emancipation Proclamation*
- *Gettysburg Address*
- *Second Inaugural Address*
- *Speech on Reconstruction*

Rising 10th graders:

Required: *Death on the Nile* (Christie), *Meditations* (Aurelius), *Poetics* (Aristotle)