

Fall Creek Academy Required Reading by Grade

Fall Creek Academy believes that reading is the core to all education. We begin our reading instruction in kindergarten with a mix of phonics and whole language instruction. Grades K-2 begin reading instruction from letter recognition to reading in complete sentences to short stories with some of our students ready for short novels prior to third grade. It is our expectation that ALL students are able to read chapter books at the beginning of third grade. Students who remain with us from third grade through graduation will read the required minimum of the 40 books listed below. Our students read one required book a quarter. As they enter high school the teacher does choose from a few different books but the choices are listed. All of the books used are from the approved Indiana Reading list. This is minimum reading. Teachers often add additional reading that students can select or that teachers use in other subject areas such as social studies. We believe that our students read far more than the minimum books required. The books listed are required reading in Language Arts Classes and of various genres. Each grade also has a theme approach as our students grow through literature.

3rd Grade – Kids Doing Extraordinary Things

Fiction: Wayside School is Falling Down, Cam Jansen

Historical Fiction: Sadako and the 1,000 Paper Cranes

Science Fiction: James and the Giant Peach

Autobiography: Through My Eyes – Ruby Bridges

4th Grade – A Year of Independence

Fiction: Island of the Blue Dolphins, From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E.

Frankweiler

Historical Fiction: Number the Stars

Science Fiction: The Secret Garden

Biography: Abe Lincoln's Hat

5th Grade – The American Dream

Fiction: In the Year of the Boar & Jackie Robinson, Where the Red Fern Grows

Science Fiction: Bridge to Terabithia

Non-fiction: Shh! We're Writing the Constitution

Biography: The Story of Sacajawea, Guide to Lewis & Clark

6th Grade – Adventure through Literary Genres

Fiction: Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

Drama: Brian's Song

Science Fiction: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

Mystery: Treasure Island

Autobiography: My Own Story: Ryan White

7th Grade – United through Adversity

Autobiography: The Diary of a Young Girl

Fiction: My Side of the Mountain, The Devil's Arithmetic

Science Fiction: The Time Machine

Drama/Plays – Miracle Worker, Our Town

8th Grade – Tolerance, Acceptance, & Perseverance

Autobiography: King of the World: Muhammed Ali & the Rise of an American Hero

Fiction: The Moves Make the Man, The Cay

Historical Fiction: The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963

Science Fiction: I, Robot

Drama/Plays: A Midsummer's Night's Dream, Inherit the Wind

9th Grade – Intro. to Literary Genres and World Literature

Fiction: To Kill a Mockingbird, The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, aged 13 ³/₄, The Joy Luck Club,

Plays: *Romeo & Juliet*, *Twelve Angry Men*, *Fences (AW)*

Poetry & Short Story: Maya Angelou *Wouldn't Take Nothing For My Journey Now*,
Langston Hughes (Selected Poems of Langston Hughes, Edgar Allan Poe (BN Classics:

Works of Poe 9781593080648),

Autobiography: Night

10th – A World of Discovery – World Lit.

Fiction: Merlin: The Coming of Arthur, In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens by Alice Walker, A Separate Peace, The House on Mango Street, The Perfect Storm

Plays: *Julius Caesar*, *The Piano Lesson (AW)*, *I Never Sang for My Father by Robert Anderson*

Poetry: Bartlett's Poems for Occasions

Short Stories: 40 Short Stories: A Portable Anthology

11th Grade – The War Within

Historical Fiction: Uncle Tom's Cabin, Native Son, The Things They Carried, Red Badge of Courage, The Scarlet Letter

Non-Fiction/Biography: The Assassination of Lincoln: History and Myth by Lloyd Lewis and The Day Lincoln Was Shot by Jim Bishop

Plays: A Raisin in the Sun, Macbeth, Gem of the Ocean

Short Stories: 40 Short Stories: A Portable Anthology

Poetry: America Elegy: The Poetry of Mourning from the Puritans to Whitman

12th Grade: The Way the World Could Be

Fiction: Animal Farm, Pride & Prejudice, Paradise Lost, Beowulf, Dante's Inferno, Candide

Biography: A Journal of the Plague Year

Non-Fiction: Stephen W. Hawking's Black Holes and Baby Universes and Other Essays,

Plays: Hamlet

Short Stories: 40 Short Stories: A Portable Anthology

