



COVENANT ACADEMY  
*A Classical Christian School*

“... children should have the joy of living in far lands, in other persons, in other times—a delightful double existence; and this joy, they will find for the most part, in their storybooks.” -

Charlotte Mason

## Recommended Summer Reading for Rising Fifth Graders

Birdsall, Jeanne *The Penderwicks* series  
Bridges, Ruby *Through My Eyes*  
Burnett, Frances Hodgson *A Little Princess*  
Burnett, Frances Hodgson *The Secret Garden*  
de Trevino, Elizabeth Borton I, *Juan de Pareja*  
Enright, Elizabeth *The Melendy Quartet* series (4 book series)  
Enright, Elizabeth *Gone Away Lake and Return to Gone-Away*  
Field, Rachel Hitty, *Her First Hundred Years*  
Fritz, Jean *What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?* and other titles  
Goudge, Elizabeth *The Little White Horse*  
Gregory, Kristiana *Winter of Red Snow*  
Holling, Holling C. *Minn of the Mississippi*  
Irving, Washington *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* (abridged)  
Kamkwamba, William *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* (Young Readers Edition)  
Lang, Andrew *The Red Fairy Book* (or *Yellow, Blue, Green*)  
Latham, Jean *Carry On, Mr. Bowditch*  
Lin, Grace *Mulan: Before the Sword*  
Lobel, Arnold *Random House Book of Poetry for Children*  
Nesbit, Edith *Five Children and It*  
Park, Linda Sue *A Long Walk to Water*  
Pinkney, Andrea Davis *Dear Benjamin Banneker*  
Raskin, Ellen *The Westing Game*  
Ryan, Pam Muñoz *Esperanza Rising*  
Sterling, Dorothy *Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman*

**We request that you do NOT allow your student to read the following books that we will want to read and discover together in class this coming year.**

*Rip Van Winkle*, Washington Irving

*Bronze Bow*, Elizabeth George Speare



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*Johnny Tremain*, Esther Forbes

*Early Thunder*, Jean Fritz

*Prince Caspian*, C.S. Lewis

*Witch of Blackbird Pond*, Elizabeth George Speare

*My Side of the Mountain*, Jean Craighead George

*Treasure Island*, Robert Louis Stevenson

*David Livingstone: Africa's Trailblazer*, Janet Bengel

*Black Beauty*, Anna Sewell

## **Resources for Parents**

MacKenzie, Sarah *The Read Aloud Family: Making Meaningful and Lasting Connections with Your Kids*

Trelease, Jim *The Read Aloud Handbook*

Martin, Jamie *Give Your Child the World*