



JOHN PAUL THE GREAT  
ACADEMY

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**CLASSICAL ENRICHMENT READING PROGRAM**  
**PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN**

Reading is the foundation for all learning. By helping your child foster a love for reading, you are helping them acquire language skills, develop critical thinking skills, and stimulate their imaginations. These foundational skills are some of the major components needed to be an accomplished reader later on in life as well as an eloquent writer and speaker. To encourage and aid you and your child along this path, we are providing a list of classical pieces of literature for you to read to your child this year. This list can be used to complete the Headmaster's Challenge. Listed below are the requirements for completing this challenge. *Every child who completes the Headmaster's Challenge will be honored during the Lower School Awards assembly at the end of the year!*

THE HEADMASTER'S CHALLENGE REQUIREMENTS:

1. The Headmaster's Challenge – read 25 or more books to your child from the list below during this school year
2. Each time you read a book to your child, sign and date next to the book title. (Remember that little ones love repetition. Although reading the same book over and over again may be undesirable to you, this repetition is what helps your little one pick up on the vocabulary, patterns, and rhythms, and it aids with their comprehension of the story.)
3. At the beginning of May, your child's teacher will request that this list be returned to him/her in preparation for the Lower School award ceremony.

*"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." -Frederick Douglass*



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PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN RECOMMENDED READING LIST

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parents,

Please date and sign next to the title of the books that you have read to your child this year. Because these titles are classics, many of them can be found at all public libraries. We do however encourage you to start building a classical library for your children to enjoy. You will find that once they themselves start reading they will again enjoy the books they cherished most when they were younger. Familiarity with these books will also give confidence to the beginning reader. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Happy reading!

Book Title:	Date Read:	Parent's Signature:
Are You My Mother? (P.D. Eastman)		
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom (Bill Martin Jr.)		
Doctor DeSoto (William Steig)		
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus (Mo Willems)		
Goodnight Moon (Margaret Wise Brown)		
Green Eggs and Ham (Dr. Seuss)		
The Mitten (Jan Brett)		
The Runaway Bunny (Margaret Wise Brown)		
Bunny My Honey (Anita Jeram)		

All Together Now (Anita Jeram)		
Guess How Much I Love You (Sam McBratney)		
The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Eric Carle)		
The Greedy Python (Richard Buckley)		
Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed (Eileen Christelow)		
Whistle for Willie (Ezra Jack Keats)		
Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See (Bill Martin Jr.)		
Mother Goose (Sylvia Long's Collection)		
Bread and Jam for Frances (Russell Hoban)		
A Pocket for Corduroy (Don Freeman)		
The Giving Tree (Shel Silverstein)		
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (Laura Joffe Numeroff)		
Oh, the Places You'll Go (Dr. Seuss)		
The Lorax (Dr. Seuss)		
The Snowy Day (Ezra Jack Keats)		
The Little Engine That Could (Watty Piper)		
The House at Pooh Corner (A.A. Milne)		
There Was an Old Lady That Swallowed a Fly (Pam Adams)		
Make Way for Ducklings (Robert McCloskey)		
The Children's Book of Virtue		

(William J. Bennett)		
The Hare and the Tortoise (Retold by Caroline Castle)		
You Are Special (Max Lucado)		
The Story of Ping (Marjorie Flack)		
Crow Boy (Taro Yashima)		
The Story of Ferdinand (Munro Leaf)		
Frog and Toad (Arnold Lobel)		
The Rainbow Fish (Marcus Pfister)		
The Gruffalo (Julia Donaldson)		
The Velveteen Rabbit (Margery Williams)		
Where the Wild Things Are (Maurice Sendak)		
Madeline (Ludwig Bemelmans)		
The Children's Book of Heroes (William J. Bennett)		
The Babar Collection: Five Classic Stories (Jean de Brunhoff)		
Love You Forever (Robert Munsch)		
Caps for Sale (Esphyr Slobodkina)		
The Tale of Peter Rabbit (Beatrix Potter)		
Where the Sidewalk Ends (Shel Silverstein)		
The Poky Little Puppy (Janette Sebring Lowrey)		
St. Joseph Picture Books by Father Lovasik (Please list titles)		