

# Northshore Christian Academy

## 2009 Summer Reading Recommendations

### Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

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Summertime provides students with great opportunities to expand their world through reading! Below is a list of books recommended for students entering kindergarten through 2nd grade. Make time this summer for students to read and be read to often. Your local libraries and church libraries offer many wonderful books for young children and often have motivating summer programs to encourage reading. *Take a look and get a book!*

#### Read Aloud Titles

*You Are Special* and other stories by Max Lucado  
*Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst  
*The Mitten* by Jan Brett  
*Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon  
*The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margary Williams  
*The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka  
*The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh* by A.A Milne  
*If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* series by Laura Joffe Numeroff  
*The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and other stories by Eric Carle  
*The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss  
*I Love You Little One* by Nancy Tafuri  
*The Napping House* by Audrey Wood  
*Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* by William Steig  
*The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter  
*Horton Hatches the Egg* by Dr. Seuss  
*The Little Engine That Could* by Watty Piper  
*Curious George* by Hans Augusto Rey  
*Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse* and other stories by Kevin Henkes  
*The Little House* by Virginia Lee Burton  
*Amelia Bedelia* by Peggy Parish  
*Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina  
*Clifford, the Big Red Dog* by Norman Bridwell  
*The Paper Bag Princess* by Robert N. Munsch  
*Corduroy* series by Don Freeman  
*Harry the Dirty Dog* by Gene Zion  
*I'd Choose You* by John Trent  
*Little Black, A Pony* by Walter Farley  
*A Bargain for Frances* by Russell Hoban  
*Aesop's Fables*  
Nursery Rhymes

#### Early Readers

*Reading for Fun Enrichment Library* series by **A Beka Books**  
*I Can Read* series providing variety of levels & topics for beginning readers  
*Hello Reader* series providing variety of levels & topics for beginning readers  
*All Aboard Reading* series providing variety of levels & topics for beginning readers  
*Are You My Mother?* and other books by P.D. Eastman  
*Hop on Pop* and other books by Dr. Seuss  
*Frog and Toad* series by Arnold Lobel  
*Nate the Great* series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat  
*P.B. Bear* series by Lee Davis  
*Ready...Set...Read!: The Beginning Reader's Treasury* by Joanna Cole

#### Independent Reading (more challenging)

*Cam Jansen* series by David Adler  
*The Tenth Good Thing About Barney* by Judith Viorst  
*The Bears on Hemlock Mountain* by Alice Dalgliesh  
*A New Coat for Anna* by Harriet Ziefert  
*Sam the Minuteman* by Nathaniel Benchley  
*The People Could Fly* by Virginia Hamilton  
*Officer Buckle and Gloria* by Peggy Rathmann  
*Nana Upstairs & Nana Downstairs* by Tomi DePeola  
*Amazing Grace* by Caroline Binch

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## 2009 Summer Reading Recommendations – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

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### **Biography**

*Home Run: The Story of Babe Ruth* by Burleigh  
*America's Champion Swimmer: Gertrude Ederle* by David Adler  
*The Buck Stops Here – Presidents of the United States* by Alice Provenson  
*Childhoods of Famous Americans* series by Aladdin Paperbacks (various authors)

### **Fiction**

*The Cul-de-Sac Kids* series by Beverly Lewis  
*Great Illustrated Classics* series by various authors  
*Astrokids* series by Robert Elmer  
*Alex* series by Nancy Simpson Levene  
*The Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden  
*Ramona* series by Beverly Cleary  
*Robert* series by Barbara Seuling  
*Marvin Redpost* series by Louis Sachar  
*The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes  
*Boxcar Children* series by Gertrude Chandler Warner  
*Amber Brown* series by Paula Danziger  
*Magic Treehouse Series* by Mary Pope Osborn  
*Happy Holisters* series by Jerry West

### **Nonfiction/Informational**

*Sharks* by Gail Gibbons  
*Chew on This: Everything You Need to Make Your Own Gum!* By Susan Devins  
*I See Animals Hiding* by Jim Arnosky  
*Magic School Bus* series by Scholastic Books

### **Historical Fiction**

*Kidwitniss Tales* series by various authors  
*American Girls* series by various authors  
*Dear America* series by various authors

### **Mystery**

*Calendar Club Mystery* series by Nancy Star  
*A-Z Mysteries* series by Ron Roy  
*Jigsaw Jones* series by James Preller  
*Cam Jansen* series by David Adler  
*Three Cousins Detectives* series by Elspeth Campbell Murphy

### **Folktales and Fairy Tales**

*James O'Rourke and the Big Potato* by Tommie De Paola  
*The Egyptian Cinderella* by Shirley Climo  
*Tops and Bottoms* by Janet Stevens

### **Poetry**

*Good Dog: Poems by Gotfried*  
*Little Dog Poems* by Kristin George  
*Sports, Sports, Sports* by Lee B. Hopkins

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## 2009 Summer Reading Recommendations – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade



Summertime provides students with great opportunities to expand their world through reading! Below is a list of books for students entering 4th grade. Make time this summer for students to read often. Incoming 4th graders are required to read a minimum of two books from the lists below. Of course, you may always read more! Your local libraries and church libraries offer many wonderful books for children and often have motivating summer programs to encourage reading. *Take a look and get a book!*

### **Fantasy**

*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by Frank Baum  
*The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks  
*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle

### **Fiction**

*Little Pilgrim's Progress* by Helen Taylor  
*Christopher Mouse: The Tale of a Small Traveler*  
by William Wise  
*Tale of Three Trees: A Traditional Folktale* by  
Angela Elwell Hunt  
*The Trumpet of the Swan* by E.B. White  
*The Secret Garden* by Frances H. Burnett  
*Gulliver's Travels* by Johanna Spyri  
*Heidi* by Johanna Spyri  
*Dogsong* by Gary Paulsen  
*White Fang* by Jack London  
*Mandie* series by Lois G. Leppard  
*Indian in the Cupboard* series by Lynn R. Banks  
*The Cooper Kids Adventures* series by  
Frank Peretti  
*Bobbsey Twins* series by Laura L. Hope  
*The Chronicles of Narnia* series by C.S. Lewis  
*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*  
series by Roald Dahl  
*The Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden  
*The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burdett  
*The Good Dog* by Avi  
*Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor  
*Heat* by Mike Lupica  
*Dive* by Gordon Koman

### **Focus on Newbery Medal Winners**

*The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo  
*Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan  
*The Door in the Wall* Marguerite de Angeli  
*On My Honor* Marion Dane Bauer  
*Call It Courage* by Armstrong Sperry  
*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls

### **Historical Fiction**

*Kidwitniss Tales* series by various authors  
*Dear America* series by various authors  
*Trailblazer Books* series by  
Dave and Neta Jackson  
*American Girls* series by various authors  
*Freedom Crossing* by Margaret G. Clark  
*Freedom Train* by Dorothy Sterling  
*Little House* series by Laura Ingalls Wilder  
*The Liberation of Gabriel King* by K. L. Going  
*Here Lies the Librarian* by Richard Peck  
*Early Sunday Morning: The Pearl Harbor Diary of  
Amber Billows* by Barry Denenberg

### **Humor**

*The Best School Year Ever* by Barbara Robinson  
*How to Eat Fried Worms* by Thomas Rockwell

### **Mystery**

*Encyclopedia Brown* series by Donald J. Sobol  
*A-Z Mysteries* series by Ron Roy  
*The Stolen Necklace* by Dave Gustaveson  
*The Missing Video* by Dave Gustaveson

### **Poetry**

*Where the Sidewalk Ends: Poems and Drawings* by  
Shel Silverstein

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## 2009 Summer Reading Recommendations – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



Summertime provides students with great opportunities to expand their world through reading! Below is a list of books for students entering 5th grade. Make time this summer for students to read often. Incoming 5th graders are required to read a minimum of two books from the lists below. Book selections must include at least one book from the Newbery book list. Of course, you may always read more! Your local libraries and church libraries offer many wonderful books for children and often have motivating summer programs to encourage reading. *Take a look and get a book!*

### **FOCUS ON NEWBERRY MEDAL WINNERS:**

*Summer of the Swans* by Betsy Byars  
*From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg  
*Shadow of a Bull* by Maia Wojciechowska  
*Ginger Pye* by Eleanor Estes  
*The Twenty-One Balloons* by William Pene du Bois  
*Rabbit Hill* by Robert Lawson  
*The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle* by Hugh Lofting  
*Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

### **ADDITIONAL TITLES:**

#### **Historical Fiction**

*A Soldier's Heart* by Gary Paulsen

#### **Biography**

*Trailblazer Books* series by Dave and Neta Jackson

#### **Adventure**

*The Cooper Kid Series* by Frank Peretti  
*To the Top; the Story of Everest* series by Stephen Venables

#### **Classic**

*Swiss Family Robinson* by Johann David Wyss  
*The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame  
*The Black Stallion* by Walter Farley  
*Anne of Green Gables* series by L.M. Montgomery

#### **Mystery**

*Hardy Boys* series by Franklin W. Dixon  
*Nancy Drew* series by Carolyn Keene

#### **Fiction**

*The Summer of Riley* by Eve Bunting  
*Catching Waves* and other books by Matt Christopher  
*A Week in the Woods* and other books by Andrew Clements  
*Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle* series by Betty MacDonald

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## 2009 Summer Reading Recommendations – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



Summertime provides students with great opportunities to expand their world through reading! Below is a list of books for students entering 6th grade. Make time this summer for students to read often. Incoming 6th graders are required to read a minimum of three books from the lists below. Book selections must include at least one book from the Newbery book list. Of course, you may always read more! Your local libraries and church libraries offer many wonderful books for children and often have motivating summer programs to encourage reading. *Take a look and get a book!*

### Focus on Newbery Medal Winners

*The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin  
*The Grey King* by Susan Cooper  
*Call It Courage* by Armstrong Sperry  
*The Midwife's Apprentice*  
by Karen Cushman  
*The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*  
by Avi  
*Crispin: The Cross of Lead* by Avi  
*Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech  
*Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse  
*King of the Wind* by Marguerite Henry  
*Julie of the Wolves*  
by Jean Craighead George  
*The Cricket in Times Square*  
by George Selden  
*Sing Down the Moon* by Scott O'Dell

### Historical Fiction

*The Single Shard* by Linda Sue Parks  
*Myra, Daughter of the Nile*  
by Eloise Jarvis McGraw  
*The Cay* by Theodore Taylor  
*Year of Impossible Goodbyes*  
by Sook Nyul Choi  
*Pirates of Pompeii* by Caroline Lawrence  
*Journey to America* by Sonia Levitin

### Additional Titles

*Adam of the Road* by Elizabeth Janet Gray  
*The Silver Chair* by C.S. Lewis  
*The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis  
*Ruby Holler* by Sharon Creech  
*The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan  
*The Lord of the Rings* J.R.R. Tolkien  
*The Captive* by Joyce Hansen  
*Rosa Parks: My Story*  
by Jim Haskins and Rosa Park  
*Brian's Winter* by Gary Paulsen  
*The Princess Academy* by Shannon Hale  
*Captain Hook: The Adventures of a Notorious Youth* by J.V. Hart  
*Seventh Tower* series by Garth Nix  
*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott  
*Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt  
*Peter and the Starcatchers*  
by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson  
*Peter and the Shadow Thieves*  
by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson  
*Redwall* series by Brian Jacques

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## 2009 Summer Reading Recommendations – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

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### ***Eric Liddell: Something Greater than Gold, Geoff and Janet Bengt***

The inspirational true story of *The Chariots of Fire* hero who decided his faith was more important than winning a gold medal. Ages 12 and up.

### ***A Little Princess, by Frances Hodgson Burnett***

Sara's quick imagination and loving heart help her to endure social poverty after having lived like a princess at a rich boarding school in England during the 1800's. Ages 12 and up.

### ***The Black Stallion, by Walter Farley***

After a tragic ship accident, the boy Alex and the Black stallion establish a bond of trust and friendship while stranded on a deserted island together. Ages 10 and up.

Christy Miller (one book from series), by Robin Jones Gunn

Girls and adults have loved this series, which follows Christy from age 14, when she makes a *Summer Promise* to follow Jesus, through age 18, when she graduates from high school. Ages 12 and up.

### ***Hatchet, by Gary Paulsen***

After a plane crash, 13-year-old Brian spends 54 days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother. He also learns to survive his parents' divorce. Ages 12 and up.

### ***Holes, by Louis Sachar***

It doesn't take Stanley Yelnats long to realize that there's a lot more going on at Camp Greenlake than character development in this delightfully humorous, yet masterful tale. Ages 12 and up.

### ***Black Beauty, by Anna Sewell***

As a fine and gentle horse goes from one master to another, readers learn the story of his life in nineteenth-century England, as told in first person narrative. Ages 10 and up.

### ***Baseball in April and Other Stories, by Gary Soto***

In this unique collection of short stories, the small events of daily life reveal big themes – love and friendship, youth and growing up, success and failure. Calling upon his own experiences of growing up in California's Central Valley, poet Gary Soto brings to life the joy and pain of young people everywhere. Ages 12 and up.

### ***Heidi, by Johanna Spyri***

The goats and the grandfather are Heidi's only happiness when she is sent from her mountain home to a big city to go to school and to be a companion for a wealthy, gentle girl who cannot walk. Ages 10 and up.

### ***Treasures of the Snow, by Patricia St. John***

A beautifully written, engaging story that captures the innocence of childhood and the healing power of repentance and forgiveness between two school-age children. Ages 10 and up.

### ***The Hiding Place, by Corrie Ten Boom***

Corrie's true account of her amazing family's experiences during the German occupation of Holland reveals her indomitable Christian faith. Ages 12 and up.

### ***Little Women, by Louisa May Alcott***

This story chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young ladies in nineteenth-century New England during the Civil War. Ages 12 and up.

***Rebecca, by Daphne du Maurier***

In the great English estate of which she is the new mistress, Maxim de Winter's young and frightened second wife gradually realizes that a mystery surrounds the death of Rebecca, the glamorous former mistress, who has been dead for eight months. Ages 12 and up.

***Anne of Green Gables, by L.M. Montgomery***

Follow Anne through her escapades of learning what it is like to be wanted and loved by parents, finding her place in a strange school, and finally getting to have a bosom buddy...someone she can truly call a friend and share life's ups and downs with. Ages 12 and up.

***My Friend Flicka, by Mary O'Hara***

Over the course of one magical summer, Ken learns the meaning of responsibility, courage, and friendship as he seeks to secretly tame the wild filly Flicka. Ages 12 and up.

***In His Steps, by Charles M. Sheldon***

In this timeless classic, the reader is challenged to consider the question "What Would Jesus Do?" in every decision in life. It tells the story of different characters in a small church whose lives began to radically change after taking this pledge for one year in 1896. Ages 12 and up.

***The Red Pony, by John Steinbeck***

This is the story of four episodes in the life of Jody, a boy on a California ranch. Ages. 12 and up.

***Treasure Island, by Robert Louis Stevenson***

While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of an inn and her son find a treasure map that leads to a pirate fortune as well as great danger. Ages 12 and up.

***The Hobbit, by J.R.R. Tolkien***

Bilbo Baggins, a well-to-do Hobbit, lives happily in his comfortable home until a wandering wizard grants his wish. Ages 12 and up.

***A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court, by Mark Twain*** (Samuel Clemens)

A fervent believer in individual freedom, Twain uses Hank, a Yankee shop foreman who travels twelve centuries into the past to Camelot and Arthur's court, to voice his (Twain's) disdain of Britain's royalty. Ages 12 and up.

***David Copperfield, by Charles Dickens***

His sad boyhood, his youth at school, his adventures in the business world, and his happy marriage make up the life of David Copperfield and present a picture of 19th-century England. Ages 12 and up.

***The Swiss Family Robinson*** by Johann David Wyss

Shipwrecked on an uninhabited island, a Swiss family—father, mother, and four sons—leads an adventurous, Robinson Crusoe-like life as they struggle to survive and create a new home by using the resources available and their own ingenuity.

***The Jungle Book*** by Rudyard Kipling

Eight of the short stories in the two books feature Mowgli, an Indian boy who was lost in the jungles of Central India as an infant and raised by a pack of wolves. Mowgli and his animal friends embody the virtues Kipling most admired: courage, self-reliance, loyalty, and an instinctive trust in the goodness of nature. There are also miscellaneous stories and poems about wild and domesticated animals in India and the Far North.