

Dear Live Oak parents,

“Few things are more important for a child than to discover the joy of reading. Give him a love of reading, and you have given him not only the most satisfying and useful of all recreations but also the key to true learning. The home is still the greatest force, and parents who make reading attractive contribute immeasurably to their children’s intellectual, emotional, and spiritual development.” (*Honey for a Child’s Heart* by Gladys Hunt)

As a literature teacher, I have enjoyed reading many wonderful books with Live Oak students. Last year, it was such fun to share in the remarkable journey of Professor Sherman while reading *The Twenty-one Balloons* with the fifth graders as well as join in the sixth grade students’ delight as we read *Where the Red Fern Grows*, the heartwarming tale of a boy and his loyal hounds. Additionally, it has been gratifying to see the seventh grade class appreciate the enduring majesty of Homer’s epic poem *The Odyssey* and Shakespeare’s *Julius Caesar*.

Now that the school year has ended, summer vacation provides children time for friends, hobbies, family, and of course good books! Live Oak Academy would like to encourage your young ones to read by providing a summer reading list for all ages. These books are not required, but simply suggested titles that are sure to enrich your children’s mind and stimulate their imaginations. In addition, for those parents who are looking for a good summer read, LOA recommends *Honey for a Child’s Heart* by Gladys Hunt; this excellent resource points out what are the best books in children’s literature and guides parents in using books in their children’s development.

Happy reading,
Libby Mayer

Live Oak Academy's Summer Reading List

First through Third Grade

Easy Readers

Amelia Bedelia and others by Peggy Parish
Animals Do the Strangest Things and others by Leonora Hornblow
Bedtime for Frances and other Frances books by Russell Hoban
Bravest Dog Ever by Natalie Standiford
Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss
Daniel's Duck by Clyde Robert Bulla
Frog and Toad are Friends and others by Arnold Lobel
George and Martha by James Marshall
George the Drummer Boy by Nathaniel Benchley & other History I Can Read books
George Washington's Mother by Jean Fritz
Granny and the Desperadoes by Peggy Parish
Greg's Microscope and other Science I Can Read books by Millicent Selsam
Horse in Harry's Room and others by Syd Hoff
Josefina Story Quilt by Eleanor Coerr
Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie by Peter Roop
Little Bear and others by Elise Minarik
Madeline and others, by Ludwig Bemelmans
Mouse Soup by Arnold Lobel
Mouse Tales by Arnold Lobel
Nate the Great and others by Marjorie Sharmat
New Coat for Anna by Harriet Ziefert
One Bad Thing About Father by F. N. Monjo
Sam the Minuteman by Nathaniel Benchley
Sammy the Seal and others by Syd Hoff
Trojan Horse, or How the Greeks Won the War by Emily Little

Advanced Readers

Abraham Lincoln by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
Alligator Case and others by William Pene du Bois
Angry Giant by Oscar Wilde
Apple & the Arrow by Mary Marsh Buff
Baby Island by Carol Ryrie Brink
Bear Called Paddington and others by Michael Bond
Bears on Hemlock Mountain and others by Alice Dalgliesh
Benjamin Franklin by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
Benjamin West and his Cat Grimplakin by Marguerite Henry
Betsy & Billy and others by Carolyn Haywood

Betsy & Tacy Go Over the Big Hill and others by Maude Lovelace
Billy & Blaze and others by C. W. Anderson
Book of Fairy Tales by Hans Christian Anderson
Box-Car Children and others by Gertrude Warner (the first 19 in the series)
Bright April by Marguerite de Angeli
Capyboppy by Bill Peet
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
Charlotte's Web and others by E. B. White
Coll and His White Pig by Lloyd Alexander
Columbus by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh
d'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
Encyclopedia Brown Series by Donald J. Sobol
Eric the Red & Leif the Lucky by Barbara Schiller
George Washington by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
Grandma's Attic Series by Arleta Ricardson
Happy Hollisters and others by Jerry West
Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes
James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling
Kindle of Kittens by Rumer Godden
Lion to Guard Us by Clyde Robert Bulla
Little Pear by Eleanor Frances Lattimore
Marco Moonlight by Clyde Robert Bulla
Matchlock Gun by Walter Edmonds
Mouse House by Rumer Godden
Mouse on the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
Mrs. Piggle Wiggle and others by Betty MacDonald
My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannet
Old Mother West Wind and others by Thornton W. Burgess
Owls in the Family by Farley Mowat
Puppy Summer by Meindert de Jong
Rabbit Hill by Robert Lawson
Reluctant Dragon by Kenneth Grahame
Rocking Horse Secret by Rumer Godden
Sarah Morton's Day and others by Kate Waters
Shoeshine Girl by Clyde Robert Bulla
Skippack School by Marguerite de Angeli
Song of the Swallows by Leo Politi
Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims by Clyde Robert Bulla
The Velveteen Rabbit by Marjery Williams
Tough Winter by Robert Lawson
Three Dollar Mule by Clyde Robert Bulla
Thy Friend, Obadiah by Brinton Turkle
Twenty and Ten by Claire Huchet Bishop

Fourth through Sixth Grade

Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass by Lewis Carroll
All-of-a-Kind Family and others by Sydney Taylor
America's Paul Revere by Esther Forbes
At the Back of the North Wind and others by George MacDonald
Beautiful Stories from Shakespeare by Edith Nesbit
Behind Rebel Lines by Seymour V. Reit
Ben and Me by Robert Lawson
Big Red and others by Jim Kjelgaard
Black Beauty: the Autobiography of a Horse by Anna Sewell
Black Ships Before Troy by Rosemary Sutcliff
Black Stallion and others by Walter Farley
Blue Willow by Doris Gates
Book of Three and others by Lloyd Alexander
Borrowers and others by Mary Norton
Brady by Jean Fritz
Bright April by Marguerite de Angeli
Brightly of the Grand Canyon by Marguerite Henry
Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare
Buffalo Knife by William O. Steele
Cabin Faced West by Jean Fritz
Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Brink
Calico Bush by Rachel Field
Call It Courage by Armstrong Sperry
Canyon Winter by Walt Morey
Carry On, Mr. Bowditch by Jean Lee Latham
Charlotte's Web by E. B. White
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang by Ian Fleming
Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis
Cricket in Times Square by George Selden
Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
Dobry by Monica Shannon
Dog on Barkham Street by Mary Stoltz
Doll's House by Rumer Godden
Door in the Wall by Marguerite de Angeli
Eagle of the Ninth and other historical fiction by Rosemary Sutcliff
Episode of Sparrows by Rumer Godden
Far Frontier by William O. Steele
Five Children & It by Edith Nesbit
Five Little Peppers and How They Grew and others by Margaret Sidney
Four-Story Mistake by Elizabeth Enright
From Anna by Jean Little
Gentle Ben by Walt Morey
Ginger Pye by Eleanor Estes

Golden Fleece by Padriac Colum
Golden Goblet by Eloise Jarvis McGraw
Golden Key by George MacDonald
Gone Away Lake by Elizabeth Enright
Good Master by Kate Seredy
Great Brain and others by John Fitzgerald
Great Glass Elevator by Roald Dahl
Heidi by Joanna Spyri
Henry Huggins and other Henry books by Beverly Cleary
Henry Reed, Inc. by Keith Robertson
Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
Homer Price by Robert McCloskey
House at Pooh Corner by A. A. Milne
House of Sixty Fathers by Meindert de Jong
Hundred and One Dalmatians by Dodie Smith
I, Juan de Pareja by Elizabeth de Trevino
Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford
Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes
Justin Morgan Had a Horse by Marguerite Henry
Kildee House by Rutherford George Montgomery
King of the Wind and others by Marguerite Henry
Lad: a Dog and others by Albert Payson Terhune
Landing of the Pilgrims by James Daugherty
Lassie Come Home by Eric Knight
Little Britches: Father & I Were Ranchers and others by Ralph Moody
Little House in the Big Woods and others by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Little Lord Flauntleroy by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Lost Princess by George MacDonald
Magic Summer and others by Noel Streatfeild
Magical Melons by Carol Brink
Mary Poppins and others by Pamela L. Travers
Miracles on Maple Hill by Virginia Sorensen
Moffats by Eleanor Estes
Mountain Born by Elizabeth Yates
Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater
Mr. Revere and I by Robert Lawson
Mr. Small and others by Lois Lenski
Mrs. Frisby & the Rats of NIMH by Robert O'Brien
My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
Myths of the World by Padraic Colum
National Velvet by Enid Begnold
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
Old Yeller by Fred Gipson
Perilous Road by William O. Steele
Peter Pan by James Barrie

Phoenix and the Carpet by Edith Nesbit
Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan (children's version)
Pippi Longstocking and others by Astrid Lindgren
Pollyanna by Eleanor Porter
Princess and Curdie by George McDonald
Princess and the Goblin by George McDonald
Proud Taste for Scarlet & Miniver by E. L. Konigsburg
Railway Children by Edith Nesbit
Rascal by Sterling North
Rescuers series by Margery Sharp
Return to Gone-Away Lake by Elizabeth Enright
Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
Saturdays by Elizabeth Enright
Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Seventeenth Swap by Eloise Jarvis McGraw
Shadrack by Meindert de Jong
Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare
Silver Chief: Dog of the North and others by Jack O'Brien
Singing Tree by Kate Seredy
Skylark by Patricia MacLachlan
Spiderweb for Two by Elizabeth Enright
Star of Light by Patricia St. John
Story of Dr. Doolittle and others by Hugh Lofting
Strawberry Girl and others by Lois Lenski
Tales from the Arabian Nights by H. J. Dawood
Tales of the Arabian Nights by Andrew Lang
Tales of Troy and Greece by Andrew Lang
Tales of Uncle Remus retold by Julius Lester
Tanglewood Secrets by Patricia St. John
Thee, Hannah by Marguerite de Angeli
Then There Were Five by Elizabeth Enright
Thimble Summer by Elizabeth Enright
Time at the Top by Edward Ormondroyd
Treasures of the Snow and others by Patricia St. John
Turn Homeward, Hannalee by Patricia Beatty
Twenty One Balloons by William Pene DuBois
Uncle Remus and others by Joel Chandler Harris
Understood Betsy by Dorothy Canfield Fisher
What Katy Did and others by Susan Coolidge
Wheel on the School by Meindert de Jong
Wonderful Wizard of Oz and others by Frank Baum

Seventh and Eight Grade

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
Boy's King Arthur by Sidney Lanier
Call of the Wild by Jack London
Cheaper by the Dozen by Frank Gilbreth
Cricket on the Hearth by Charles Dickens
Freckles by Gene Statton Porter
Girl of the Limberlost and others by Gene Statton Porter
Hans Brinker or the Silver Skates by Mary Mapes Dodge
Heidi by Joanna Spyri
Howard Pyle's Book of Pirates and others by Howard Pyle
Jungle Books by Rudyard Kipling
Kidnapped and others by Robert Louis Stevenson, illustrated by Wyeth
Little Men by Louisa May Alcott
Little Women and others by Louisa May Alcott
Merry Adventures of Robin Hood by Howard Pyle
Otto of the Silver Hand by Howard Pyle
Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain
Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe
Story of King Arthur and His Knights by Howard Pyle
Swiss Family Robinson by Johann Wyss
The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien
Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson, illustrated by Wyeth
Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea and others by Jules Verne
Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare
Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken
Yearling by Marjorie Rawlings

Advanced Readers/Eighth Grade

Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt
Anna and the King of Siam by Margaret Landon
Anne of Green Gables and others by Lucy Maud Montgomery
Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman by Ernest Gaines
Beauty by Robin McKinley
Boy's War by David J. Michell
Bridge of San Luis Rey by Thornton Wilder
Bruchko by Bruce Olson
Calico Captive by Elizabeth George Speare
Christy by Catherine Marshall
Cider Days by Mary Stolz
Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

Hawk That Dare Not Hunt by Day by Scott O'Dell
Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom
Hound of the Baskervilles & others by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
House of Dies Drear by Virginia Hamilton
In the Hall of the Dragon King & others in the trilogy by Stephen R.
Lawhead
King's Fifth by Scott O'Dell
Little White Horse and others by Elizabeth Goudge
Lord of the Rings Trilogy by J. R. R. Tolkein
Lost World by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Miracle Worker by William Gibson
Mrs. Mike by Benedict & Nancy Freedman
My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
Of Courage Undaunted by James Daugherty
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm by Kate Douglas Wiggen
Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane
Sarah Bishop by Scott O'Dell
Scarlet Pimpernel by Baroness Orczy
Second Mrs. Giaconda by E. L. Konigsburg
Small Woman by Alan Burgess
Streams to the River, River to the Sea by Scott O'Dell
Summer of the Swans by Betsy Byars
Swift Rivers by Cornelia Meigs
Time Enough for Drums by Anne Rinaldi
Time Machine and others by H. G. Wells
Trumpeter of Krakow by Eric P. Kelly
War of The Worlds by H. G. Wells
White Fang by Jack London

High School

All Creatures Great and Small and others by James Herriot
All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Remarque
Amazing Adventures of Father Brown by G. K. Chesterton
Ballad of the White Horse by G. K. Chesterton
Barchester Towers and others by Anthony Trollope
Bleak House by Charles Dickens
Borden of Yale by Mrs. Howard Taylor
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
Cross and the Switchblade by David Wilkerson
Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton
Darwin's Black Box by Michel Behe
David Copperfield by Charles Dickens
Death Comes for the Archbishop by Willa Cather
Death of Ivan Ilyitch by Leo Tolstoy

Fairy Tale of My Life: An Autobiography by Hans Christian Anderson
Gone With the Wind by Margaret Mitchell
Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck
Green Mansions and others by William H. Hudson
House of Seven Gables and others by Nathaniel Hawthorne
Lord Peter and other mysteries by Dorothy Sayers
Lorna Doone by Richard D. Blackmore
Man Called Thursday by G. K. Chesterton
Martin Chuzzlewit by Charles Dickens
Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie
My Antonia by Willa Cather
Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway
On Walden Pond by Henry David Thoreau
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich and others by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn
Our Mutual Friend by Charles Dickens
Paradise War and others in trilogy by Stephen R. Lawhead
Peace Child by Don Richardson
Pilgrim at Tinker Creek by Annie Dillard
Pillar of Iron and other historical fiction by Taylor Caldwell
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Prisoner of Zenda and others by Anthony Hope Hawkins
Quo Vadis by Henryk Sienkiewicz
Rabble in Arms and others by Kenneth Roberts
Raven: a Biography of Sam Houston and other biographies by Marquis James
Captain Blood & Scaramouche by Rafael Sabatini
Thirty Nine Steps and others by John Buchan
Up From Slavery by Booker T. Washington
Vanity Fair by William Makepeace Thackeray
Vicar of Wakefield by Oliver Goldsmith
War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy