



# VERITAS ACADEMY

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## **At-Home Reading List Policy**

Veritas Academy desires to instill in our students a love of reading. The at-home reading lists provided in Grades K-6<sup>th</sup> help facilitate this desire. These lists also provide a way for parents to be engaged in their child's education. Lists include books as "read-alouds" (parents reading to their children) and "readers" (books read by the students 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>).

We also desire to keep these lists simple and the books as accessible as possible. Veritas has a limited number of each book for each grade available for check-out. Books may also be obtained from local bookstores, public libraries or internet sites. If you would like to borrow books from Veritas, please check with the teacher for availability.

Books on tape/CD are permitted as read-alouds. Families with multiple children are permitted to read aloud a book to all of their children provided the book is from the list of the student in the highest grade or if the family is continuing a book series (Chronicles of Narnia or Little House books). Please note this on the younger children's list when you are substituting a book from a higher reading list.

Books studied in Literature and History classes will be provided by Veritas. These book lists may be found in the class syllabi. You do not need to obtain these books.

Each grade level has different specifications for the number of "readers" and "read-alouds" encouraged and/or required to be read. Please see the grade specific lists for those details. The check list provided at the end of each list is for you, the parent, to sign and keep track of the books your child has read and you have read aloud.

Happy Reading!





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## 2018-2019 School Year First Grade Reading List

Veritas has a few copies of each book available for lending to students. Please check with your child's teacher for availability. Many of the books are also available at the public library or available to purchase at local and online bookstores.

**First Grade Reading Policy-** Parents are strongly encouraged to complete the books from the read-aloud list. Students are strongly encouraged to complete all the readers. Parents with multiple students are encouraged to begin with the books from the History/Geography list before substituting from other lists.

**History/Geography Course - Seven Continents and Seven Seas:** This course is an elementary introduction to world geography. First graders will study each of the seven continents, learning about its topography, flora, fauna, people, nations, cities, customs and traditions. The books labeled with an asterisk (\*) correspond to Seven Continents and Seven Seas specifically. The order of the geography units and their corresponding books is on the next page.

### **Read-Alouds (read by parent to student)**

**Favorite Poems of Childhood** by Philip Smith  
\***The Librarian Who Measured the Earth** by Kathryn Lasky  
\***Maps and Globes** by Jack Knowton  
**Little House on the Prairie** by Laura Ingalls Wilder  
\***The Year of Miss Agnes** by Kirkpatrick Hill  
**Simon Bolivar** by Frank DeVarona  
**The Aesop for Children** Illustrated by Milo Winter  
**White Stallion of Lipizza** by Marguerite Henry  
\***The Little Riders** by Margaretha Shemin  
\***Who Was Marco Polo** by Joan Holub  
\***Little Pear** by Eleanor Lattimore  
**Mountain Born** by Elizabeth Yates  
\***A Question of Yams** by Gloria Repp  
\***Twenty One Balloons** by William Pene DuBois  
\***Mr. Popper's Penguins** by Richard Atwater  
**Betsy, Tacy and Tib** by Maude Hart Lovelace  
\***The Secret of the Andes** by Ann Nolan Clark  
**The Light at Tern Rock** by Julia Sauer  
**The Boxcar Children** by Gertrude Chandler Warner  
**Gooney Bird Green** by Lois Lowry (alternate)  
\***Beat the Story Drum, Pum-Pum** by Ashley Bryan

**Readers (read by the students themselves)**

**The Best Trick** by Rebecca Lewis  
**Green Eggs and Ham** by Dr. Seuss  
**Little Bear** by Else Minarik  
**Cat in the Hat** by Dr. Seuss  
**Stop That Ball** by Mike McClintock  
**A Big Ball of String** by Marion Holland  
**The Bravest Dog Ever** by Natalie Standiford  
**One Fish, Two Fish** by Dr. Seuss  
**My Little Boy** by Joan Phillips

**Read-Aloud Order to Follow Geography Study**

Continents:	<u>Maps and Globes</u>
North America:	<u>The Year of Miss Agnes</u>
Europe: Netherlands, Germany, WWII	<u>The Little Riders</u>
Europe & Asia:	<u>Who Was Marco Polo</u>
Asia/China:	<u>Little Pear</u>
Africa/ Middle East:	<u>Beat the Story Drum, Pum-Pum</u>
South America:	<u>The Secret of the Andes</u>
Oceania:	<u>Twenty-One Balloons</u>
Oceania/ Papua New Guinea:	<u>A Question of Yams</u>
Oceania/ Antarctica:	<u>Mr. Popper's Penguins</u>

## First Grade Reading Checklist

*Parents, please initial as your child has completed the readers and you have completed the read-alouds with your child. Please keep this list handy and initial as books are completed throughout the year. (\* denotes History/Geography)*

Title	Author	Date	Parent Initials
<b>Read Alouds</b>			
Favorite Poems of Childhood	Philip Smith		
*The Librarian Who Measured the Earth	Kathryn Lasky		
* Maps and Globes	Jack Knowton		
Little House on the Prairie	Laura Ingalls Wilder		
*The Year of Miss Agnes	Kirkpatrick Hill		
Simon Bolivar	Frank DeVarona		
*Beat the Story Drum, Pum-Pum	Ashley Bryan		
The Aesop for Children	Illustrated by Milo Winter		
White Stallion of Lipizza	Marguerite Henry		
*The Little Riders	Margaretha Shemin		
*Who Was Marco Polo	Joan Holub		
*Little Pear	Eleanor Lattimore		
Mountain Born	Elizabeth Yates		
*A Question of Yams	Gloria Repp		
*The Twenty-One Balloons	William Pene DuBoise		
*Mr. Popper's Penguins	Richard Atwater		
Betsy, Tacy and Tib	Maude Hart Lovelace		
The Light at Tern Rock	Julia Sauer		
The Boxcar Children	Gertrude Chandler Warner		
Gooney Bird Green (alternate)	Lois Lowry		
*The Secret of the Andes	Ann Nolan Clark		
<b>Readers</b>			
The Best Trick	Rebecca Lewis		
Green Eggs and Ham	Dr. Seuss		
Little Bear	Else Minarik		
Cat in the Hat	Dr. Seuss		
Stop that Ball	Mike McClintock		
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