Dear Parents,
This suggested reading list should help you find quality literature for you and your child to read together throughout the year. Please note that we do not have the space to include all books by one author; be sure to look at other books each author has written. Some of these books will be available at the Book Fair and all of them are available in the Lower School Library. If you would like to see the reading lists for other grades, they are posted on the Library page of the Nightingale website. This list is only a starting point. Enjoy!

The Class III teachers would like to let you know which books will be part of the Class III reading curriculum next year. It is much more enjoyable for the girls when they have NOT read these novels before they read them in class.

Lois Strell, Lower School Librarian

Books for Class III Curriculum

Big Wave
Buck, Pearl

Extra Credit
Clement, Andrew

100 Dresses
Estes, Eleanor

Turtle in Paradise
Holm, Jessica

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson
Lord, Betty Bao

Inside Out and Back Again
Lai, Thanha

Number the Stars
Lowry, Lois

Sarah, Plain and Tall / Skylark
McLaughlin, Patricia

The Secret Language
Nordström, Ursula

Knights and Castles Research Guide #2
Osbourne, Will & Mary Pope

The Castle in the Attic
Winthrop, Elizabeth

El Deafo
Bell, Cece

Out of My mind
Draper, Sharon
CLASSICS AND OLD FAVORITES

Mr. Popper's Penguins Atwater, Richard
The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.

The Wizard of Oz (series) Baum, L. Frank
After being transported by a cyclone to the land of Oz, Dorothy and her dog are befriended by a scarecrow, a tin man, and a cowardly lion, who accompany her to the Emerald City to look for a wizard who can help Dorothy return home to Kansas.

A Bear Called Paddington Bond, Michael
A very small bear found by Mr. and Mrs. Brown at Paddington station becomes one of the family.

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (series) Lewis, C.S.
Four English school children find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land.

The Story of Dr. Doolittle (series) Lofting, Hugh
These are the adventures of a kind-hearted doctor who loves animals and understands their language.

Betsy-Tacy (series) Lovelace, Maud Hart
A warm-hearted story about 5 year old Betsy and Tacy, who become inseparable friends for life.

Winnie-the-Pooh (series) Milne, A.A
The adventures of Christopher Robin and his friends, in which Pooh Bear uses a balloon to get honey, Piglet meets a Heffalump, and Eeyore has a birthday.

Five Children and It Nesbit, Edith
When four brothers and sisters discover a sand-fairy in the gravel pit near their country home, they have no way of knowing all the adventures its wish-granting will bring them.

The Borrowers (series) Norton, Mary
A charming story of the tiny people no taller than a pencil who live in quiet old country houses and "borrow" the things they need.

Charlotte’s Web White, E.B.
Wilbur the pig is so sad when he discovers he is going to be the farmer's Christmas dinner, until his spider friend Charlotte comes up with a plan to save him.

FICTION

Ivy and Bean (series) Barrows, Annie
When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support from her new neighbor Ivy, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.

Blubber Blume, Judy
Jill goes along with the rest of the fifth-grade class in bullying a classmate and then finds out what it's like when she, too, becomes a target.

Superfudge (series) Blume, Judy
A very funny series, as Peter describes the highs and lows of life with his younger brother Fudge. The

Chocolate Touch Catling, Patrick Skene

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A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.

**Year of the Book**  
Cheng, Andrea  
A young Chinese American girl, navigates relationships with family, friends, and her fourth-grade classroom and finds a true best friend.

**Frindle**  
Clements, Andrew  
When he decides to turn his fifth-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**  
Dahl, Roald  
Five children are lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory and take advantage of the situation, each in his/her own way.

**James and the Giant Peach**  
Dahl, Roald  
A wonderful fantasy about a young boy and a huge, magical peach.

**Liberty Porter, First Daughter (series)**  
DeVillers, Julia  
On her first day at the White House, nine-year-old Liberty exuberantly explores her new home while making new friends and giving unique tours of her own.

**Because of Winn Dixie**  
DiCamillo, Kate  
Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie

**The Birthday Storm**  
Draper, Sharon  
Sassy and her family go to Florida during summer vacation to visit Grammy for her birthday, and when the weather takes a turn for the worse, Sassy learns that love is more important than decorations and caterers.

**Dessert First**  
Durand, Hallie  
Third-grader Dessert's love of treats leads to a change in her large family's dinner routine, then an awful mistake, and later a true sacrifice, after her teacher Mrs. Howdy Doody urges students to march to the beat of their own drums.

**Beauty and the Beast**  
Eilenberg, Max  
A beautiful retelling of the classic Beauty and the Beast story.

**Nikki and Deja**  
England, Karen  
When an arrogant new girl comes to school, third graders and best friends Nikki and Deja form a club that would exclude her, but the results are unexpected!

**Lowji Discovers America**  
Fleming, Candace  
A nine-year-old East Indian boy tries to adjust to his new life in suburban America, with surprising results.

**Mallory on the Move (series)**  
Friedman, Laurie  
After moving to a new town, eight-year-old Mallory keeps throwing stones in the "Wishing Pond," but things will not go back to the way they were before, and she remains torn between old and new best friends.

**Mrs. Lilly is Silly**  
Gutman, Dan  
On Career Day at Ella Mentry School, local reporter Mrs. Lilly helps A.J. and his fellow third-graders start a school newspaper, but their efforts have unexpected consequences.

**Alice-Miranda at School**  
Harvey, Jacqueline  
Soon after arriving at the Winchesterfield-Downsfordevale Academy for Proper Young Ladies, resourceful seven-and-one-quarter-year-old Alice-Miranda finds her new boarding school to be a very
curious place with no flowers in the gardens, a headmistress that has not been seen for years, and a mysterious stranger that seems to be hiding out on the premises.

**Encore, Grace!**

Grace and her group of friends, the Famous Five, face a variety of changes, including a new girl in class, taking part in the Christmas play, losing a dear friend, and challenging the grown-ups in their lives.

**Piper Reed, Party Planner (series)**

When she discovers the price of a new clubhouse, Piper and her fellow Gypsy Club members try to earn the money by creating a birthday-party-planning business.

**Pandora the Curious**

Pandora, one of the few mortals at Mount Olympus Academy, has a curious nature that makes it difficult for her to resist peeking into the mysterious and dangerous box brought to school by Epimetheus, which causes more trouble than anyone could imagine.

**Year of the Dog**

Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life.

**11 Birthdays (series)**

After celebrating all nine their birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, have a fight on their tenth and do not speak to each other for the whole year. They prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately, but strange things begin to happen on that day.

**Gold Threaded Dress**

When Oy and her Thai American family move to a new neighborhood, her third-grade classmates tease her because she is different. Will Oy find a way to deal with this problem?

**Starting With Alice**

After Alice, her older brother, and their father move from Chicago to Maryland, Alice has trouble fitting into her new third-grade class. With the help of some new friends and her own unique outlook, she survives.

**Clementine (series)**

While sorting through problems in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine tries several unique hairstyles, while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

**Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger (series)**

Unusual things happen in the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

**Sword in the Grotto**

With the help of the ghost Edmund, Araminta and Wanda survive a trip through a secret tunnel to bring back a present for Sir Horace's birthday.

**Bitter Sweet Summer**

Nine-year-old Katie and her four-year-old brother, Tyler, have an emotional summer when their father considers moving them to Portland, and they are surprised by a visit from their mother, a country singer.
HISTORICAL FICTION

Secret School
Avi
In 1925, fourteen-year-old Ida Bidson secretly takes over as the teacher when the one-room schoolhouse in her remote Colorado area closes unexpectedly.

Magic Half
Barrows, Annie
Eleven-year-old Miri Gill feels left out in her family, which has two sets of twins and her, until she travels back in time to 1935 and discovers Molly, her own lost twin, and brings her back to the present day. (series)

The Saturdays
Enright, Elizabeth
The four Melendys decide to pool their resources so each can take turns spending Saturday in a private adventure.

Anna on the Farm
Hahn, Mary Downing
Nine-year-old Anna is happy to spend a week at her aunt and uncle's farm until she meets Theodore. He calls her a "city slicker" until she proves she's just as clever and brave as he

Hannah's Way
Glaser, Linda
In rural Minnesota in 1938, Hannah, a young orthodox Jewish girl, deals with being the new girl.

Strawberry Hill
Hoberman, Mary Ann
Ten-year-old Allie's family moves from New Haven to rural Connecticut, in the midst of the Great Depression, as Allie tries to work out what a true friendship really is.

The Adventures of Hugo Cabret
Selznick, Brian
When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks at a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toy seller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are in danger of discovery.

Heidi
Spyri, Johanna
A Swiss orphan is heartbroken when she must leave her beloved grandfather and their happy home in the mountains to go to school and to care for an invalid girl in the city.

All-of-a-Kind Family (series)
Taylor, Sydney
The warm-hearted adventures of five sisters growing up in a Jewish family in New York in the early twentieth century.

Little House on the Prairie
Wilder, Laura Ingalls
In the late 1800’s, Laura’s family travels from the big woods of Wisconsin to a new home on the prairie, where they build a house, meet neighboring Indians, dig a well, and fight a prairie fire.

ANIMALS

Time Cat
Alexander, Lloyd
Jason and his magic cat Gareth travel through time to visit countries all over the world during different periods of history.

Friendship According to Humphrey (series)
Birney, Betty
When Humphrey the hamster returns to Mrs. Brisbane's class after the winter break, a new class pet and some other surprises give him an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of friendship.

Mousenet
Breitrose, Prudenc
Sent to live with her father and his wife in Oregon after having stayed with her inventor uncle and scientist mother in Cincinnati, ten-year-old Megan is lonely until she starts working with some computer-savvy mice to try to save Mouse Nation—and the Planet.

**Bookstore Mouse**  
Christian, Peggy

A mouse, living in an antiquarian bookstore, learns the power of words when he literally falls into a medieval tale and helps defeat a dragon!

**Pinky Pye (series)**  
Estes, Eleanor

While spending a bird-watching summer on Fire Island, the Pye family acquires a small black kitten that can use a typewriter.

**Wild Wings**  
Lewis, Gill

Callum becomes friends with Iona, a practically feral classmate who has discovered an osprey, thought to be gone from Scotland, living on Callum's family farm. They eventually share the secret with others, including Jeneba who encounters the same bird at her home in Gambia. A bittersweet yet inspiring story.

**Pee Wee’s Tale (series)**  
Hurwitz, Joanna

When his owner's parents let him go in Central Park, a young guinea pig learns to survive in the natural world with the help of a "park-wise" squirrel.

**One Boy and his Dog**  
Ibbotson, Eva

When lonely, ten-year-old Hal learns that his wealthy parents only rented Fleck, the dog he always wanted, he and new friend Pippa take Fleck and four other dogs from the rental agency on a trek from London to Scotland, where Hal's grandparents live.

**Catwings (series)**  
Le Guin, Ursula

Wishing to visit their mother, two winged cats leave their new country home to return to the city, where they discover a winged kitten in a building about to be torn down.

**Dear Hound**  
Murphy, Jill

When Alfie, a timid deerhound puppy, gets lost in the woods, he will do almost anything—including befriending a pair of foxes—to find his way home to his beloved boy, Charlie, who refuses to believe Alfie is gone for good.

**Libby of High Hopes**  
Primavera, Elise

When ten-year-old Libby Thump stumbles upon High Hopes Horse Farm and finds her dream horse, Princess, a prize-winning jumping horse that has been put out to pasture, Libby tries to convince her parents to give her riding lessons.

**The Cricket in Times Square**  
Selden, George

These are the adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.

**MYSTERY AND ADVENTURE**

**The Blue Ghost (series)**  
Bauer, Marion Dane

While visiting her grandmother's log cabin, Liz meets the ghost of her great-great-great-grandmother and suddenly finds that she's been transported back in time.

**Stolen Sapphire: A Samantha Mystery (series)**  
Buckey, Sarah

On an ocean liner headed to Europe in 1906, Samantha and Nellie set out to find an archaeologist's legendary sapphire that has gone missin
**Ghost of Fossil Glen (series)**
Defelice, Cynthia

Allie knows it's not her imagination when she hears a voice and sees in her mind's eye the face of a girl who seems to be seeking Allie's help.

**Case of the Diamond Dog Collar (series)**
Freeman, Martha

Cammie and Tessa, daughters of the American president, assume the large gems on the dog collar sent as a gift from the leader of a foreign country must be fake, but when two of them go missing, they start to think maybe the diamonds are real and set out to find the thief.

**Crystal Ball: Rebecca Mystery**
Greene, Stephanie

Rebecca and her neighbor, Mr. Rossi, seem to be having bad luck. When Mr. Rossi sprains his wrist, Rebecca takes over caring for his pigeons and discovers a strange black pigeon with a mysterious message warning of danger. Where did the pigeon come from, and what sort of danger is lurking?

**Adventures of a South Pole Pig**
Kurtz, Chris

Flora the pig ditches her quiet life on the farm for an adventure in Antarctica, to live her dream of pulling a sled with a team of dogs.

**Candymakers**
Mass, Wendy

Four gifted twelve-year-olds, including Logan, the candymaker's son, are set to be contestants in the Confectionary Association's national competition to determine the nation's tastiest sweet, but nobody anticipates that a friendship will form between them.

**The Great Cake Mystery**
McCall-Smith, Alexander

Before becoming the first female private investigator in Botswana, eight-year-old Precious Ramotswe tracks down a thief who has been stealing her classmates' snacks.

**Panda Puzzle (A to Z Mystery series)**
Roy, Ron

A series of 26 mystery books in ABC order, beginning with The Absent Author and ending with The Zombie Zone.

**Series of Unfortunate Events (series)**
Snicket, Lemony

After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other when they discover a distant relative is determined to use anything to get what he wants!

**Thea Stilton & the Mountain of Fire (series)**
Stilton, Thea

Thea the mouse detective and her detective friends, travel to Australia to solve their next big mystery.

**FANTASY**

**Sister’s Grimm**
Buckley, Michael

Mysterious events start happening when orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother that they have always believed to be dead.

**Half Magic (series)**
Eager, Edward

Four children, looking forward to an ordinary summer, enjoy fantastic adventures by double-wishing on an ancient coin.

**Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles**
Edwards, Julie Andrews

With help from an eccentric professor who trains the imagination of three special children, they all go on a trip to locate the last of the really great Whangdoodles.

**Familiars (series)**
Epstein, Adam

Three young wizards-in-training are kidnapped by an evil queen and their familiars--Aldwyn the alley cat, Skylar, a know-it-all blue jay, and Gilbert a tree frog who can see the future--set out on a dangerous journey to rescue the boys.
Dragon Slippers  
George, Jessica
Orphaned after a fever epidemic, Creel befriends a dragon and unknowingly inherits an object that can either save or destroy her king.

Tuesdays at the Castle  
George, Jessica
Every Tuesday Castle Glower magically changes itself. When Princess Celie’s parents suddenly disappear, it’s a good thing she has mapped out the castle.

Which Witch  
Ibbotson, Eva
The Great Wizard Arriman must have a child to carry on his tradition of Loathing Light and Blighting the Beautiful. He announces a contest among the witches of Todcaster, one of whom will marry him.

How to Catch a Bogle  
Jinks, Catherine
In 1870s London, a young orphan girl becomes the apprentice to a man who traps monsters for a living.

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rats  
Jonell, Lynne
When Emmy discovers that she and her formerly loving parents are being drugged by their evil nanny, with rodent potions that can change people in frightening ways, she and some new friends must try everything possible to return things to normal.

Tale of Emily Windsnap (series)  
Kessler, Liz
After finally convincing her mother that she should take swim lessons, Emily discovers a wonderful secret that changes her life.

Ella Enchanted  
Levine, Gail Carson
In a fun tale based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

The Lightening Thief  
Riordan, Rick
Percy, expelled from six schools for losing his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon. He is sent to Camp Half Blood where he is befriended by a satyr and the demigod daughter of Athena who join him in a journey to the Underworld.

Harry Potter (series)  
Rowling, J.K.
Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches.

Magyk (series)  
Sage, Angie
Jenna learns she is a princess and is whisked from home towards safety by a Wizard Extraordinary, those she thought were her father and brother, and a young guard known as Boy 412. She is also pursued by the agents of those who killed her mother ten years before.

**BOOKS TO READ ALOUD**

Wolves of Willoughby Chase (series)  
Aiken, Joan
Surrounded by villains of the first order, brave Bonnie and gentle cousin Sylvia conquer all obstacles in this Victorian melodrama.

Poppy (series)  
Avi
Poppy the deer mouse urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.

Indian in the Cupboard (series)  
Banks, Lynne Reid
A little boy receives a plastic Indian, a cupboard and a key for his birthday, not knowing that the Indian has a life of his own.
Tumtum & Nutmeg (series)  Bearn, Emily
Wealthy, married mice Tumtum and Nutmeg find adventure when they secretly try to help two human siblings who live in a tumbledown cottage with their absent-minded inventor father.

Penderwicks (series)  Birdsall, Jeanne
While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, to the dismay of his snobbish mother.

Danny, Champion of the World  Dahl, Roald
A young English boy describes his relationship with his father and the special adventure they share together.

The Tale of Desperaux  DiCamillo, Kate
A Newbery Prize winner, this is a story about a mouse, a princess, some soup, and a spool of thread.

Walls Within Walls  Sherry, Maureen
The Smithfork family moves into a beautiful Manhattan apartment building and discovers clues to a decades-old mystery hidden behind the walls of their new home.

Abel's Island  Steig, William
Castaway on an uninhabited island, Abel, a very civilized mouse, finds his resourcefulness and endurance tested to the limit as he struggles to survive and return home.

Mysterious Benedict Society (series)  Stewart, Trenton Lee
For those who enjoy puzzles and a challenging read, Reynie, Kate, Sticky, and Constance, all graduates of the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened and members of the Benedict Society, embark on a scavenger hunt that turns into a desperate search for the missing Mr. Benedict.

FOLK AND FAIRY TALES

Snow Queen  Andersen, Hans C.
Monkey Business: Stories Around the World  Climo, Shirley
Greek Myths  D'Aulaire
Random House Book of Fairy Tales  Ehrlich, Amy
Heroines: Great Women Through the Ages  Hazel, Rebecca
Swamp Angel  Isaacs, Anne
Beautiful Warrior: Legend of the Nun's Kung Fu  McCully, Emily Arnold
Land of the Dragon King and other Korean Stories  McClure, Gillian
Cloud Tea Monkeys  Peet, Mal
Tales of King Arthur  Riordan, James
Rootabaga Stories  Sandburg, Carl

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter  Steptoe, John
The Sword in the Stone  Talbott, Hudson
Many Moons  Thurber, James
Chinese Children’s Favorite Stories  Yip, Mingmei
Merlin and the Dragons  Yolen, Jane

POETRY

The Oxford Book of Poetry for Children  Blishen, Edward
Laugheteria  Florian, Douglas
When We Were Very Young    Milne, A.A.
More Spice Than Sugar    Morrison, Lillian, ed.
Poems to Tickle Your Funny Bone    Prelutsky, Jack Falling Up / Runny Babbit    Silverstein, Shel A Child's Garden of Verses    Stevenson, Robert L.

**BIOGRAPHY/AUTOBIOGRAPHY**

Sarah Gives Thanks: Sarah Hale    Allegra, Mike Who Was Martin Luther King?    Bader, Bonnie Chingis Kahn / Buddha/Joan of Arc    Demi Bon Appétit!: the Delicious Life of Julia Child    Hartland, Jessie Who was Amelia Earhart?    Jerome, Kate Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins Kerley, Barbara Heart on fire: Susan B. Anthony    Malaspina, Ann Claude Monet: the Painter Who Stopped the Trains    Maltbie, P.I.

**NON-FICTION**

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Scholastic Rhyming Dictionary Young, Sue

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