

2021–2022 Lower School Classics to Keep

Dear Families,

John Senior wrote that “the seminal ideas of Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustine and St. Thomas thrive only in an imaginative ground saturated with fables, fairy tales, stories, rhymes and adventures.... Western tradition has given us the thousand good books as a preparation for the great ones—and for all studies in the arts and sciences. Without them all studies are inhumane” (“The Thousand Good Books”).


The list of texts below contains some of the best children’s literature that has ever been written and which Great Hearts has chosen to form the core of our Language Arts instruction in the Lower School. We encourage all our families to purchase the texts for each of their children so that, by the end of their time at Great Hearts, our scholars will graduate with a personal library of literary classics they can keep and return to throughout their lives.

Please purchase texts with the exact ISBN provided. This will ensure that the text aligns with our curriculum and that the entire class has books with the same content and page numbers. For those families that prefer to purchase each book separately over the course of the school year, the books within each grade level are listed in the order that they will be read.

In partnership,


Great Hearts Irving Lower School

Kindergarten

Title and Author(s)	Approved ISBN	Cover
<p><i>Little Bear</i> by Elsa Holmelund Minarik and Maurice Sendak</p>	<p>9780064440042 <i>or</i> 9780064441971 (Boxed Set)</p>	

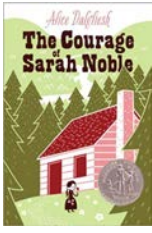
<p><i>Little Bear's Visit</i> by Elsa Holmelund Minarik and Maurice Sendak</p>	<p>97800644440233 or 9780064441971 (Boxed Set)</p>	
<p><i>Mouse Soup</i> by Arnold Lobel</p>	<p>97800644440417</p>	
<p><i>Mouse Tales</i> by Arnold Lobel</p>	<p>97800644440134</p>	
<p><i>Grasshopper on the Road</i> by Arnold Lobel</p>	<p>97800644440943</p>	

First Grade

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<p><i>Owl at Home</i> by Arnold Lobel</p>	<p>97800644440349</p>	

<p><i>The Frog and Toad Collection (Boxed Set)</i> by Arnold Lobel</p>	<p>9780060580865</p>	
<p><i>A Bargain for Frances</i> by Russell Hoban and Lillian Hoban</p>	<p>9780064444001</p>	
<p><i>Sam the Minuteman</i> by Nathaniel Benchley and Arnold Lobel</p>	<p>9780064441070</p>	
<p><i>Three Tales of My Father's Dragon</i> by Ruth Stiles Gannett</p>	<p>97800679889113</p>	

Second Grade






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<p><i>The Courage of Sarah Noble</i> by Alice Dalgliesh and Leonard Weisgard</p>	<p>97800689715402</p>	

<p><i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i> by Patricia MacLachlan</p>	<p>9780062399526</p>	
<p><i>The Boxcar Children (No. 1)</i> by Gertrude Chandler Warner and L. Kate Deal</p>	<p>9780807508527</p>	
<p><i>Cinderella and Other Stories from "The Blue Fairy Book"</i> by Andrew Lang</p>	<p>9780486293899</p>	
<p><i>Little House in the Big Woods</i> by Laura Ingalls Wilder and Garth Williams</p>	<p>9780064400015 (Paperback) or 9780060581800 (Full Color Edition)</p>	
<p><i>Charlotte's Web</i> by E.B. White and Garth Williams</p>	<p>9780064400558 (Paperback) or 9780064410939 (Full Color Edition)</p>	
<p><i>The Cricket in Times Square</i> by George Selden and Garth Williams</p>	<p>9780312380038</p>	



Third Grade

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<p><i>Little House on the Prairie</i> by Laura Ingalls Wilder and Garth Williams</p>	<p>9780064400022 (Paperback) or 9780060581817 (Full Color Edition)</p>	
<p><i>The Trumpet of the Swan</i> by E.B. White and Fred Marcellino</p>	<p>9780064408677 (Paperback) or 9780064410946 (Full Color Edition)</p>	
<p><i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i> found in <i>The Complete Chronicles of Narnia</i> Boxed Set by C.S. Lewis and Pauline Baynes</p>	<p>9780064471190</p>	
<p><i>Pinocchio</i> by Carlo Collodi and Gioia Fiammenghi</p>	<p>9780141331645</p>	
<p><i>The Jungle Book</i> by Rudyard Kipling</p>	<p>9780486410241</p>	

Fourth Grade

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<p><i>The Wonderful Wizard of Oz</i> by L. Frank Baum and W.W. Denslow</p>	<p>9781950435432</p>	
<p><i>Prince Caspian</i> found in <i>The Complete Chronicles of Narnia Boxed Set</i> by C.S. Lewis</p>	<p>9780064471190</p>	
<p><i>The Princess and the Goblin</i> by George MacDonald and Ursula K. Le Guin</p>	<p>9780141332482</p>	
<p><i>The Adventures of Robin Hood</i> by Roger Lancelyn Green</p>	<p>9780141329383</p>	
<p><i>The Voyage of the Dawn Treader</i> found in <i>The Complete Chronicles of Narnia Boxed Set</i> by C.S. Lewis</p>	<p>9780064471190</p>	

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<p><i>The Silver Chair</i> found in <i>The Complete Chronicles of Narnia</i> Boxed Set by C.S. Lewis</p>	<p>9780064471190</p>	
<p><i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> by Madeleine L'Engle</p>	<p>9780312367541</p>	
<p><i>The Secret Garden</i> by Frances Hodgson Burnett and Tasha Tudor</p>	<p>9780064401883</p>	
<p><i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i> by Wilson Rawls</p>	<p>9780440412670</p>	
<p><i>Grimm's Fairy Tales</i> by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm and Scott McKowan</p>	<p>9781402767029</p>	