

Lower School Classics to Keep on Audiobook

According to a meta-analysis of 10,000 literacy studies, “the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children.”¹ While [parents spending time reading aloud to the children in their lives is the ideal](#), we know that the demands of daily life often make setting aside this time challenging. Audiobooks are an easy way to give children more opportunities to listen to books being read aloud.

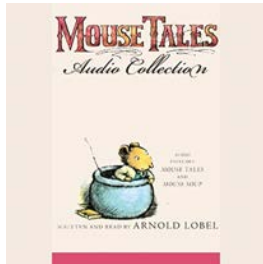
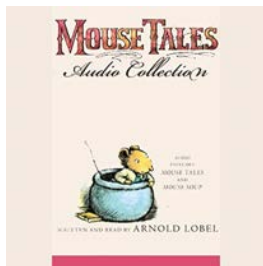
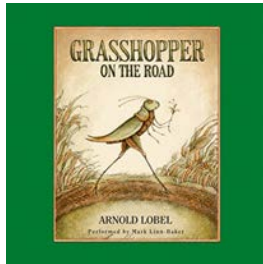
Below you will find links to available audiobook recordings of our [Lower School Classics to Keep](#)—the beautiful books our children read in their Literature classes at school to continuously hone their own reading fluency and comprehension. All our students can benefit from listening to the books they are reading in class. In particular, English language learners, students with dyslexia, or students otherwise struggling with reading are encouraged to listen to their Classics to Keep books either before or after reading them at school. Students can also be encouraged to open their books and follow along while they listen to the words being read.

Two kinds of links are provided. Some of the selections are available for free through Librivox. Often, however, these free options are lower in quality than those available for purchase through Audible. Families that listen to audiobooks often may want to consider [an Audible subscription](#), which may prove less expensive than purchasing each title separately.

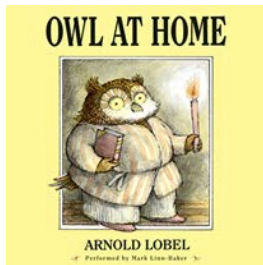
Kindergarten

Title and Author(s)	Audible	Librivox
<p><i>Little Bear's Visit</i> by Elsa Holmelund Minarik</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible 		<p>-</p>

¹ [Anderson, Richard C., Elfrieda H. Hiebert, Judith A. Scott, and Ian A.G. Wilkinson, *Becoming a Nation of Readers: The Report of the Commission on Reading* \(1985\).](#)

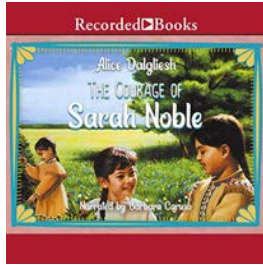
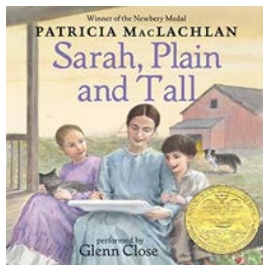
<p><i>Mouse Soup</i> by Arnold Lobel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible 		<p>-</p>
<p><i>Mouse Tales</i> by Arnold Lobel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible 		<p>-</p>
<p><i>Grasshopper on the Road</i> by Arnold Lobel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible 		<p>-</p>


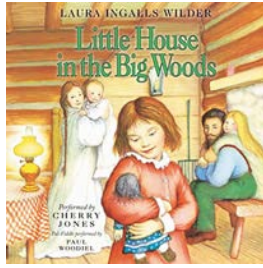
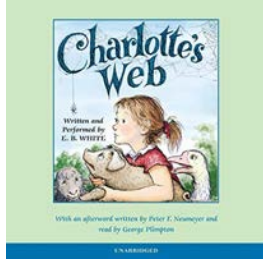


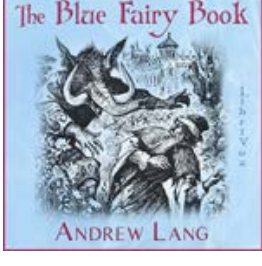
First Grade

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<p><i>Owl at Home</i> by Arnold Lobel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible 		<p>-</p>

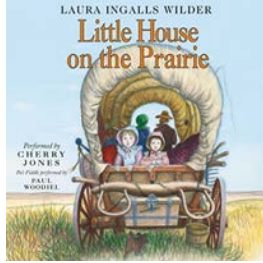
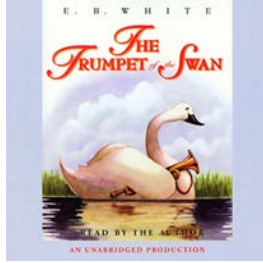
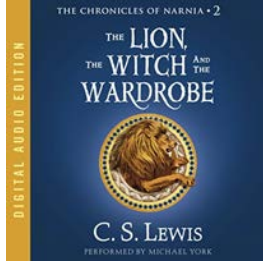

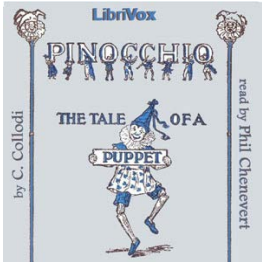

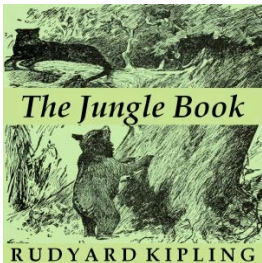
<p><i>The Frog and Toad Collection</i> by Arnold Lobel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible 		<p>-</p>
<p><i>Three Tales of My Father's Dragon</i> by Ruth Stiles Gannett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible • LibriVox 		

Second Grade


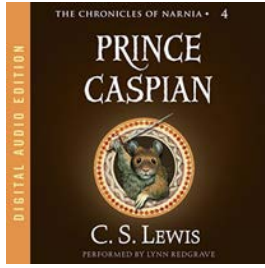
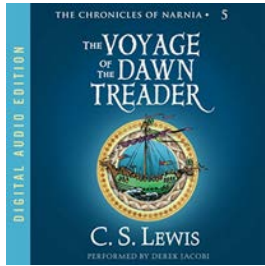
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<p><i>The Courage of Sarah Noble</i> by Alice Dalgliesh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible 		<p>-</p>
<p><i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i> by Patricia MacLachlan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible 		<p>-</p>

<p><i>The Boxcar Children</i> (No. 1) by Gertrude Chandler Warner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible 		<p>-</p>
<p><i>Little House in the Big Woods</i> by Laura Ingalls Wilder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible 		<p>-</p>
<p><i>Charlotte's Web</i> by E.B. White</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible 		<p>-</p>
<p><i>The Cricket in Times Square</i> by George Selden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible 		<p>-</p>
<p><i>Cinderella and Other Stories from "The Blue Fairy Book"</i> by Andrew Lang</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible • LibriVox 		


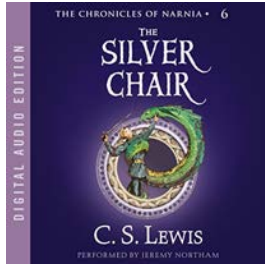




Third Grade

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<p><i>Little House on the Prairie</i> by Laura Ingalls Wilder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible 		-
<p><i>The Trumpet of the Swan</i> by E.B. White</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible 		-
<p><i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i> by C.S. Lewis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible 		-
<p><i>Pinocchio</i> by Carlo Collodi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible • LibriVox <p><i>Note that the translation of these recordings differ from that which appears in the Puffin Classics edition students read in class.</i></p>		
<p><i>The Jungle Book</i> by Rudyard Kipling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible • LibriVox 		

Fourth Grade

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<p><i>The Wonderful Wizard of Oz</i> by L. Frank Baum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible • LibriVox 		
<p><i>Prince Caspian</i> by C.S. Lewis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible 		<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>
<p><i>The Voyage of the Dawn Treader</i> by C.S. Lewis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible 		<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>
<p><i>The Princess and the Goblin</i> by George MacDonald</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible • LibriVox 		

Fifth Grade

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<p><i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> by Madeleine L'Engle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible 		-
<p><i>The Silver Chair</i> by C.S. Lewis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible 		-
<p><i>The Secret Garden</i> by Frances Hodgson Burnett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible • LibriVox 		
<p><i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i> by Wilson Rawls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible 		-
<p><i>Grimm's Fairy Tales</i> by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audible <p><i>Note that the translation of this recording differs from that which appears in the Sterling Unabridged Classics edition students read in class.</i></p>		-