

Western Academy 2024 Summer Reading Assignment

Entering Third

The Summer Reading Assignment is designed to cultivate a love of reading among our students and prepare them for the fall academic culture at Western Academy. The books, stories and poems have been carefully selected to foster an enjoyable and thoughtful reading experience. The memorized poetry and completed readings are due the first day of school. The first weeks of school will include discussion and work on the summer reading and poetry.

Here are the steps to complete this assignment successfully.

~ **Read** all assigned books, stories, and poems.

~ **Memorize** the poem to recite for the first week of school. Practice reciting it to your family.

Suggestions for enjoyable completion of summer work:

~ Read (or have a parent read) some of the stories aloud (unabridged audio books can also be used) while the student reads along with his book. Read the poem aloud at dinner and discuss!

~ Set up a schedule early in the summer (for example: 30 minutes of reading every day before lunch).

Books & Stories:

- *Aesop's Fables* selections:

- The Fox and the Grapes (page 1)
- The Goose that Laid the Golden Eggs (2)
- The Mice in Council (4)
- The Lion and the Mouse (16)
- The North Wind and the Sun (18)
- The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing (24)
- The Slave and the Lion (31)
- The Shepherd's Boy and the Wolf (41)
- Father and Sons (49)
- The Dog in the Manger (60)
- The Frogs Asking for a King (62)
- The Hare and the Tortoise (92)
- The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse (112)
- The Grasshopper and the Ants (125)

NOTE: The Dover Children's Classics edition, with introduction by G.K. Chesterton is required and matches with the above page numbers; ISBN 9780486472546

- *The Trumpet of the Swan* by E.B. White; SBN 9780064408677
- *Old Yeller* by Fred Gipson; ISBN 9780060935474

Poem:

The Eagle

by Alfred, Lord Tennyson

He clasps the crag with crooked hands;
Close to the sun in lonely lands,
Ring'd with the azure world, he stands.

The wrinkled sea beneath him crawls;
He watches from his mountain walls,
And like a thunderbolt he falls.

Other suggested reading:

A Lion to Guard Us by Clyde Robert Bulla
A Triumph for Falvius by Caroline Dale Snedeker
Alexander the Great by Andrew Langley
All Alone by Claire Huchet Bishop
Beaver of Weeping Water by Marian Rumsey
Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl
How the Forest Grew by William Jaspersohn
Minn of the Mississippi by Holling Clancy Holling
Owls in the Family by Farley Mowat
Paddle-to-the-Sea by Holling Clancy Holling
Riding the Pony Express by Clyde Robert Bulla
Seabird by Holling Clancy Holling
Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare
Smoky the Cow Horse by Will James
St. George and the Dragon by Margaret Hodges
Stuart Little by E.B. White
The Borrowers by Mary Norton
The Chronicles of Prydain by Lloyd Alexander
The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks
The Lion in the Box by Marguerite De Angeli
The Secret Valley by Clyde Robert Bulla
The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle by Hugh Lofting
The White Stallion of Lipizza by Marguerite Henry
Tree in the Trail by Holling Clancy Holling
Twenty and Ten by Claire Huchet Bishop

Poem "Fable" by Ralph Waldo Emerson
Poem "Mr. Nobody" by Christina Rossetti