

# Odyssey Charter School Approved Classical Literature

As we work toward a classical education for your child, our goal is that we use books that are classical in nature, proven quality literature, and somewhat time-tested, enabling your child to become a great thinker, learner and contributor to society. Students may pick from any of these books for book reports, as long as they are **reasonably challenging**. Teachers may approve books not included on this list.

## **Any Caldecott (picture book) winners and honors Any Newberry (literary) winners and honors**

### **Grades K-3**

- Aardema, Verna. *Who's in Rabbit's House?*  
Aesop. *Fables*  
Asch, Frank. *Mooncake*  
Atwater, Richard and Florence. *Mr. Popper's Penguins*  
Bemelmans, Ludwig. *Madeline*  
Benchley, Nathaniel. *Sam the Minuteman*  
Blume, Judy. *Freckle Juice*  
Brett, Jan. *The Mitten*  
Briggs, Raymond. *The Snowman*  
Brown, Marcia. *Stone Soup*  
Brown, Margaret Wise. *Goodnight Moon*  
Brunhoff, Jean de. *The Story of Babar*  
Burton, Virginia Lee. *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*  
Burton, Virginia Lee. *The Little House*  
Carle, Eric. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*  
Cleary, Beverly. *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*  
Collodi, Carlo. *Adventures of Pinocchio*  
Crampton, Gertrude. *Tootle*  
Crews, Donald. *Freight Train*  
Daugherty, James. *Andy and the Lion*  
dePaola, Tomie. *Strega Nona*  
Flack, Marjorie. *The Angus series*  
Flack, Marjorie. *The Story about Ping*  
Freeman, Don. *Corduroy*  
Fritz, Jean. *The Cabin Faced West*  
Gag, Wanda. *Millions of Cats*  
Galdone, Paul. *The Three Little Pigs*  
Goble, Paul. *The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses*  
Gramatky, Hardie. *Little Toot*  
Hoban, Russell. *Bedtime for Frances*  
Holabird, Katharine. *Angelina Ballerina*  
Jackson, Kathryn & Byron. *The Saggy Baggy Elephant*  
Johnson, Crockett. *Harold and the Purple Crayon*  
Joyce, William. *George Shrinks*  
Keats, Ezra Jack. *The Snowy Day*  
Kellogg, Steven. *Prehistoric Pinkerton*  
Kraus, Robert. *Leo the Late Bloomer*  
Krauss, Ruth. *The Carrot Seed*  
Krauss, Ruth. *A Hole is to Dig: A first book of definitions*  
Leaf, Munro. *The Story of Ferdinand*  
Lear, Edward. *A Book of Nonsense*  
Lear, Edward. *The Owl and the Pussycat*  
Levinson, Riki. *Watch the Stars Come Out*  
Lionni, Leo. *Frederick*  
Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad Are Friends*  
Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth. *Paul Revere's Ride*  
Lopshire, Robert. *Put Me in the Zoo*  
Lowrey, Janette Sebring. *The Pokey Little Puppy*  
Marshall, James. *George and Martha*  
McCloskey, Robert. *Blueberries for Sal*  
McCloskey, Robert. *Make Way for Ducklings*  
McDermott, Gerald. *Anansi the Spider*  
Merriam, Eve. *You'll be Good and I'll be Night: Jump on the Bed Poems*  
Milne, A.A. *Winnie-the-Pooh*  
Noble, Tinka Hakes. *The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash*  
Parish, Peggy. *Amelia Bedelia*  
Piper, Watty. *The Little Engine That Could*  
Potter, Beatrix. *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*  
Rey, H.A. *Curious George*  
Sendak, Maurice. *Where the Wild Things Are*  
Sendak, Maurice. *The Nutshell Library*  
Seuss, Dr. *The Cat in the Hat*  
Seuss, Dr. *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*  
Seuss, Dr. *Fox in Sox*  
Slobodkina, Esphyr. *Caps for Sale*  
Steig, William. *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*  
Steig, William. *Doctor De Soto*  
Stevenson, Robert Louis. *A Child's Garden of Verses*  
Taylor, Sydney. *All-of-a-Kind Family*  
Thompson, Kay. *Eloise*  
Thurber, James. *Many Moons*  
Udry, Janice May. *A Tree is Nice*  
Van Allsburg, Chris. *The Garden of Abdul Gasazi*  
Van Allsburg, Chris. *The Polar Express*  
Viorst, Judith. *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*  
Ward, Lynd. *The Biggest Bear*  
White, E.B. *Charlotte's Web*  
Williams, Vera B. *A Chair for my Mother*  
Wood, Don & Audrey. *The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry and the Hungry Bear*  
Williams, Margery. *The Velveteen Rabbit*  
Wood, Don & Audrey. *The Napping House*  
Yashima, Taro. *Crow Boy*  
Zion, Gene. *Harry the Dirty Dog*  
Zolotow, Charlotte. *William's Doll*

## Grades 4-6

Alexander, Lloyd. *Chronicles of Prydain*  
Alexander, Lloyd. *The Book of Three*  
Andersen, Hans Christian. *Fairy Tales*  
Armstrong, William H. *Souder*  
Babbitt, Natalie. *Tuck Everlasting*  
Banks, Lynne Reid. *The Indian in the Cupboard*  
Barrie, James M. *Peter Pan*  
Baum, L. Frank. *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*  
Boston, L.M. *The Children of Green Knowe*  
Brink, Carol Ryrie. *Caddie Woodlawn*  
Brooks, Gwendolyn. *Bronzeville Boys and Girls*  
Burnett, Frances Hodgson. *The Secret Garden*  
Byars, Betsy. *The Summer of the Swans*  
Cleary, Beverly. *Henry Huggins*  
Cleary, Beverly. *Ramona the Pest*  
Coerr, Eleanor. *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*  
Cooper, Susan. *The Dark is Rising Sequence*  
D'Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar Parin. *D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths*  
Dahl, Roald. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*  
Dahl, Roald. *James and the Giant Peach*  
Dodge, Mary Mapes. *Hans Brinker, or the Silver Skates*  
Eager, Edward. *Half Magic*  
Edmonds, Walter D. *The Matchlock Gun*  
Enright, Elizabeth. *Thimble Summer*  
Estes, Eleanor. *The Moffats*  
Farley, Walter. *The Black Stallion*  
Field, Rachel. *Hitty: Her First Hundred Years*  
Fisher, Dorothy Canfield. *Understood Betsy*  
Fitzhugh, Louise. *Harriet the Spy*  
George, Jean Craighead. *My Side of the Mountain*  
Gipson, Fred. *Old Yeller*  
Grahame, Kenneth. *The Reluctant Dragon*  
Grahame, Kenneth. *The Wind in the Willows*  
Grimm, Jacob and Wilhelm. *The Complete Grimm's Fairy Tales*  
(*Hänsel and Gretel, Rapunzel, etc.*)  
Hamilton, Virginia. *The House of Dies Drear*  
Hamilton, Virginia. *The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales*  
Henry, Marguerite. *King of the Wind*  
Henry, Marguerite. *Misty of Chincoteague*  
Howe, Deborah. *Bunnica*  
Hughes, Langston. *The Dream Keeper and Other Poems*  
Irving, Washington. *Rip Van Winkle*  
Juster, Norton. *The Phantom Tollbooth*  
Kjelgaard, Jim. *Big Red*  
King-Smith, Dick. *Babe the Gallant Pig*  
Kingsley, Charles. *The Water Babies*  
Kipling, Rudyard. *The Jungle Book*  
Knight, Eric. *Lassie Come Home*  
Konigsburg, E.L. *From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E.*

## Frankweiler

Lamb, Charles and Mary. *Tales from Shakespeare*  
Lawson, Robert. *Ben and Me*  
Lanski, Lois. *Strawberry Girl*  
Lester, Julius. *To Be a Slave*  
Lester, Julius. *The Tales of Uncle Remus*  
Lewis, C.S. *The Chronicles of Narnia*  
Lindgren, Astrid. *Pippi Longstocking*  
Lofting, Hugh. *Doctor Dolittle*  
Lovelace, Maud Hart. *Betsy-Tacy*  
Macaulay, David. *Castle*  
MacLachlan, Patricia. *Sarah Plain and Tall*  
McCloskey, Robert. *Homer Price*  
Merrill, Jean. *The Pushcart War*  
Morey, Walt. *Gentle Ben*  
Nesbit, E. *The Railway Children*  
North, Sterling. *Rascal*  
Norton, Mary. *The Borrowers*  
O'Brien, Robert C. *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh*  
Paterson, Katherine. *Bridge to Terabithia*  
Paulsen, Gary. *Hatchet*  
Pearce, Philippa. *Tom's Midnight Garden*  
Perrault, Charles. *The Complete Fairy Tales (Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, etc.)*  
Sandburg, Carl. *Rootabaga Stories*  
Sawyer, Ruth. *Roller Skates*  
Selden, George. *The Cricket in Times Square*  
Sewell, Anna. *Black Beauty*  
Sharp, Margery. *The Rescuers*  
Silverstein, Shel. *Where the Sidewalk Ends*  
Steig, William. *Abel's Island*  
Steig, William. *Dominic*  
Spyri, Johanna. *Heidi*  
Travers, P. L. *Mary Poppins*  
White, E.B. *Stuart Little*  
Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *Little House on the Prairie*  
Wyss, Johann David. *Swiss Family Robinson*

## Grades 7th and 8th

Alcott, Louisa May. *Little Women*  
Bagnold, Enid. *National Velvet*  
Bradbury, Ray. *Fahrenheit 451*  
Bunyan, John. *The Pilgrim's Progress*  
Burnford, Sheila. *The Incredible Journey*  
Carroll, Lewis. *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*  
Christopher, John. *The White Mountains*  
Cooper, James Fenimore. *The Last of the Mohicans*  
Defoe, Daniel. *Robinson Crusoe*  
Dickens, Charles. *A Christmas Carol*  
Douglass, Frederick. *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*  
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan. *Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*  
Du Bois, William Pène. *The Twenty-one Balloons*  
Dumas, Alexandre. *The Count of Monte Cristo*

Eckert, Allan W. *Incident At Hawk's Hill*  
Engdahl, Sylvia Louise. *Enchantress From the Stars*  
Forbes, Esther. *Johnny Tremain*  
Forester, C.S. *The Horatio Hornblower Series*  
Frank, Anne. *Diary of a Young Girl*  
Frost, Robert. *Poems*  
George, Jean Craighead. *Julie of the Wolves*  
Gilbreth, Frank B. Jr. and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey. *Cheaper by the Dozen*  
Hautzig, Esther. *The Endless Steppe*  
Hilton, James. *Goodbye, Mr. Chips*  
Hinton, S.E. *The Outsiders*  
Hugo, Victor. *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*  
Hunt, Irene. *Across Five Aprils*  
Hunter, Mollie. *A Stranger Came Ashore*  
Irving, Washington. *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*  
Keith, Harold. *Rifles for Watie*  
Keller, Helen. *Story of My Life*  
Kipling, Rudyard. *Kim*  
LeGuin, Ursula K. *A Wizard of Earthsea*  
L'Engle, Madeleine. *A Wrinkle in Time*  
London, Jack. *Call of the Wild*  
Malory, Sir Thomas. *Le Morte d'Arthur*  
Mazer, Harry. *The Last Mission*  
McCaffrey, Anne. *Dragonsong*  
McKinley, Robin. *The Hero and the Crown*  
Montgomery, L.M. *Anne of Green Gables*  
O'Dell, Scott. *Island of the Blue Dolphins*  
O'Hara, Mary. *My Friend Flicka*  
Paterson, Katherine. *Jacob Have I Loved*  
Peck, Richard. *The Ghost Belonged To Me*  
Peck, Robert Newton. *A Day No Pigs Would Die*  
Pyle, Howard. *The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood*  
Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan. *The Yearling*  
Rawls, Wilson. *Where the Red Fern Grows*  
Reiss, Johanna. *The Upstairs Room*  
Saint-Exupéry, Antoine de. *The Little Prince*  
Schaefer, Jack. *Shane*  
Scott, Sir Walter. *Ivanhoe*  
Shelley, Mary. *Frankenstein*  
Smith, Betty. *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*  
Speare, Elizabeth George. *The Sign of the Beaver*  
Speare, Elizabeth George. *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*  
Sperry, Armstrong. *Call It Courage*  
Steinbeck, John. *The Red Pony*  
Stevenson, Robert Louis. *Treasure Island*  
Taylor, Mildred D. *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*  
Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Hobbit*  
Twain, Mark. *Adventures of Tom Sawyer*  
Twain, Mark. *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*  
Uchida, Yoshiko. *Journey to Topaz*  
Verne, Jules. *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*  
Webster, Jean. *Daddy-Long-Legs*  
Wells, H.G. *War of the Worlds*

Wilder, Thornton. *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*  
Yep, Laurence. *Dragonwings*  
Zindel, Paul. *The Pigman*