



Rising 7th Grade Summer Reading 2026

You are required to read two books, *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien (ISBN 9780345339683) and one that you may choose from the attached list. Please get physical copies of these books so you can bring them to school. *The Hobbit* will be the basis for the first unit of study in your literature class, and you can expect a test or writing assignment after class discussions within the first two weeks of school.

For your second title, you may choose any book from the list provided for your grade level. You must choose a book from the list that you have never read, or that you read so long ago that you have forgotten. For students who entered ECCS in later grades, we highly recommend that you read titles from the curriculum, such as *The Chronicles of Narnia*, that you might have missed. After reading the work you select from the list, you should write a book report that follows the general format below:

- Paragraph I: Introduce the book, including the title, author, primary characters, historical context, and information about the author.
- Paragraph II: *Briefly* describe the basic plot (5 – 8 sentences)
- Paragraph III: Describe the major conflict and how it is resolved.
- Paragraph IV: Describe any lesson that was taught, whether to a character or the reader.
- Paragraph V: Describe what you liked about the characters, plot, conflict, and setting.
Describe what you didn't like about the characters, plot, conflict, setting.

Your book report should be a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 750 words and should have the following **signed and dated statement** at the bottom of the last page:

“I have read all that was required for this assignment, and all written work is my own.”

You must turn in a hand-written outline or rough draft in addition to a typed final draft.

Your final paper should be typed in standard MLA format. You should complete the reading and the book report over the summer and come to school ready to turn it in.

All book reports will be due on the second day of school.

Remember that the grades associated with summer reading are extremely helpful in getting your literature grade off to a great start if you take advantage of them. If you have questions about the summer reading, you can call the school at (205) 216-0149 during our regular summer office hours.

Happy Reading!

Your Logic School Literature Teachers

7th Grade Outside Reading List, 2026-2027

Important note: All editions must be unabridged.

1. Alcott, Louisa May. *Little Men*
2. Alcott, Louisa May. *Little Women*
3. Alexander, Lloyd. *The Chronicles of Prydain* (any book in the series)
4. Crane, Stephen. *The Red Badge of Courage*
5. Frank, Anne. *The Diary of Anne Frank*
6. George, Jean Craighead. *Julie of the Wolves*
7. George, Jean Craighead. *My Side of the Mountain*
8. Hoyle, K.B. *The Gateway Chronicles*
9. Kipling, Rudyard. *Kim*
10. L'Engle, Madeline. *A Wrinkle in Time* (or any subsequent title in the series)
11. London, Jack. *The Call of the Wild*
12. London, Jack. *White Fang*
13. MacDonald, George. *The Princess and the Goblin*
14. McGraw, Eloise Jarvis. *Moccasin Trail*
15. Mitchell, David. *A Boy's War*
16. Montgomery, Lucy Maud. Any of the sequel titles in the *Anne of Green Gables* series
17. O'Dell, Scott. *Island of the Blue Dolphins*
18. Olsen, Bruce. *Bruchko*
19. Paulson, Gary. *Hatchet*
20. Rawlings, Marjorie K. *The Yearling*
21. Speare, Elizabeth George. *Calico Captive*
22. Stevenson, Robert Louis. *Kidnapped*
23. Verne, Jules. *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*
24. Verne, Jules. *Around the World in Eighty Days*
25. Wells, H.G. *The War of the Worlds*
26. Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *Little House on the Prairie* (any of the series. If you read *Little House in the Big Woods*, you must also read *Little House on the Prairie* because of the lower reading level of *Big Woods*.)
27. Wilson, N.D. *100 Cupboards* series
28. Wilson, N.D. *Leepike Ridge*

If you were not at ECCS for the following years, we recommend that you read books you missed from our curriculum, as follows:

1st through 6th:

Lewis, C.S. *The Chronicles of Narnia* (any book in the series, if you were not at ECCS when it was taught in the curriculum)

5th.

1. Defoe, Daniel. *Robinson Crusoe*
2. Forbes, Esther. *Johnny Tremain*
3. Speare, Elizabeth George. *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*
4. Stevenson, Robert Louis. *Treasure Island*
5. Wyss, Johann. *The Swiss Family Robinson*

6th.

1. Hunt, Irene. *Across Five Aprils*
2. Montgomery, L.M. *Anne of Green Gables*
3. Twain, Mark. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*
4. Taylor, Mildred D. *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*