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Literature at Mater Salvatoris

The importance of reading “good” literature cannot be overstated, whether read in the home or at school. At Mater Salvatoris we emphasize the importance of nurturing the minds of our students with books that are steeped in the values of truth, beauty and virtue. Not only do students grasp the complexities of the human experience through unique and thought provoking characters, they increase their vocabulary, improve their writing skills, and expand their knowledge of the various histories and cultures throughout the world. Classic literature delights the minds of children and fosters an appreciation of reading excellent books. Below are examples of the literature we use and encourage at Mater Salvatoris.

Grades K-2 (Read alouds and Independent reading)

Frog and Toad books, Arnold Lobel

Little Bear, Else Holmelund Minarik

Blueberries for Sal, Robert McCloskey

My Father's Dragon, Ruth Stiles Gannett

Happy Times in Noisy Village, Astrid Lindgren

Pinocchio, Carlo Collodi

Sarah Somebody, Florence Slobodkin

The Weight of a Mass, Josephine Nobisso

The Fourth of July Story, Alice Dalgliesh

The Velveteen Rabbit, Margery Williams

All of a Kind Family, Sydney Taylor

Amelia Bedelia, Peggy Parish

The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh, A.A. Milne

Mr. Popper's Penguins, Richard Atwater

The Borrowers, Mary Norton

Grades 3-5

Charlotte's Web, E.B. White
A Lion to Guard Us, Claude Robert Bulla
The Courage of Sarah Noble, Alice Dalgleish
The Boxcar Children, Gertrude Chandler Warner
Farmer Boy, Laura Ingalls Wilder
The Princess and the Goblin, George MacDonald
Ben and Me, Robert Lawson
A Little Princess, Frances Hodgson Burnett
Caddie Woodlawn, Carol Ryrie Brink
The Green Ember, S.D. Smith
Johnny Tremain, Esther Forbes
Black Ships Before Troy, by Rosemary Sutcliff
The Voyage of the Dawn Treader, by C.S. Lewis
Calico Captive, Elizabeth George Speare
The Secret Seven series, Enid Blyton

Middle School

The Wanderings of Odysseus: The Story of the Odyssey, Rosemary Sutcliff
A Wrinkle in Time, Madeleine L'Engle
Little Women, Louisa May Alcott
Twelfth Night, William Shakespeare
A Midsummer Night's Dream, William Shakespeare
A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens
The Railway Children, Edith Nesbit
The Father Brown Reader: Stories from Chesterton
The Bronze Bow, Elizabeth George Speare
Animal Farm, George Orwell
My Brother Sam is Dead, James and Christopher Collier
Across Five Aprils, Irene Hunt
The Hiding Place, Corrie Ten Boom
True Grit, Charles Portis
O Pioneers!, Willa Cather

High School

The Odyssey, Homer
Julius Caesar, William Shakespeare
Till We Have Faces, C.S. Lewis
Beowulf, Unknown
The Canterbury Tales, Geoffrey Chaucer
Inferno, Dante
Antigone, Sophocles
Macbeth, William Shakespeare
Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen
Frankenstein, Mary Shelley
Jane Eyre, Charlotte Bronte
Great Expectations, Charles Dickens
Emma, Jane Austen
Wuthering Heights, Emily Bronte
The Screwtape Letters, C.S. Lewis
The Last of the Mohicans, James Fennimore Cooper
The Great Gatsby, F. Scott Fitzgerald
To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee
Crime and Punishment, Fyodor Dostoevsky
Anna Karenina, Leo Tolstoy
The Privilege of Being A Woman, Alice Von Hildebrand
St Gianna: Her Life of Joy and Heroic Sacrifice, Giuliana Pelucchi
Set All Afire: A Novel of St. Francis Xavier, Louis De Wohl
Death Comes to the Archbishop, Willa Cather
Uncle Tom's Cabin, Harriet Beecher Stowe