

# Ogden Preparatory Academy Parent & Student Recommended Books for 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades

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The books are organized by:

<b>Author.</b>	<b>Genre. Call Number</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>Description</b>	<b>Reading Level</b>	
Alcott, Louisa	Historical Fiction. FIC ALC	<i>Little Women</i>
This classic title chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young ladies in nineteenth-century New England. (Also available in Spanish: Mujercitas)		
Babbitt, Natalie.	Fantasy. FIC BAB	<i>Tuck Everlasting</i>
The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing any older.		
Babbitt, Natalie.	Fantasy. FIC BAB	<i>The Search for Delicious</i>
The Prime Minister is compiling a dictionary and when no one at court can agree on the meaning of delicious, the King sends his twelve-year-old messenger to poll the country.		
Bloor, Edward	Realistic Fiction. FIC BLO	<i>Tangerine</i>
Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.		
Byars, Betsy	Realistic Fiction. FIC BYA	<i>The Summer of the Swans</i>
A teenage girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally handicapped brother gets lost. Award: Newbery		
Carlson, Natalie	Realistic Fiction. FIC CAR	<i>The Family under the Bridge</i>
An old hobo in Paris finds his life changed when he discovers three children under a bridge.		
Cleary, Beverly.	Realistic Fiction. FIC CLE	<i>Dear Mr. Henshaw</i>
Ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world in letters to his favorite author. Award: Newbery		
Curtis, Christopher	Historical Fiction. FIC CUR	<i>Elijah of Buxton</i>
Eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada--a haven for slaves fleeing the American South in 1859--uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying		

preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom. Award: Newbery Honor and Coretta Scott King

Dahl, Roald. Fantasy. FIC DAH *Matilda*  
Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.

DiCamillo, Kate. Fantasy. FIC DIC *The Tale of Despereaux*  
The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin. Award: Newbery Medal

DiCamillo, Kate Realistic Fiction. FIC DIC *The Tiger Rising*  
Rob, who passes the time in his rural Florida community by wood carving, is drawn by his spunky but angry friend Sistine into a plan to free a caged tiger.

DiCamillo, Kate Realistic Fiction. FIC DIC *Because of Winn-Dixie*  
Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie. Award: Newbery Honor

Dickens, Charles Historical Fiction. FIC DIC *A Christmas Carol*  
A miser learns the true meaning of Christmas when three ghostly visitors review his past and foretell his future.

Haddix, Margaret Science Fiction. FIC HAD *Among the Hidden*  
Government regulations limit families to two children each, so Luke, an illegal third-born, must live his life in secret, hidden in his family's farmhouse. Then he joins Jen, another "shadow child," for a chance to come out into the light.

Henry, O. Historical Fiction. FIC HEN *The Gift of the Magi and Other Stories*  
Collects short stories by O. Henry, including "The Gift of Magi," in which a husband and wife sacrifice treasured possessions in order to buy each other Christmas presents.

L'Engle, Madeleine Science Fiction. FIC L'EN *A Wrinkle in Time*  
Meg Murry, her brother Charles, and their friend Calvin, embark on a journey through space and time, assisted by three otherworldly women, to find Meg's father, a physicist who disappeared while experimenting with time travel.

Lewis, C.S. Fantasy. FIC LEW *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*  
Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

Lowry, Lois Science Fiction. FIC LOW *The Giver*  
Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives. Award: Newbery Medal

Morpugo, Michael      Historical Fiction. FIC MOR                      *War Horse*  
Joey the horse recalls his experiences growing up on an English farm, his struggle for survival as a cavalry horse during World War I, and his reunion with his beloved master.

O'Brien, Robert      Fantasy. FIC O'BRI                      *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*  
With nowhere else to turn, a field mouse asks the clever escaped lab rats living under the rosebush to help save her son, who lies in the path of the farmer's tractor, too ill to be moved.  
Award: Newbery

Paulsen, Gary.      Realistic Fiction. FIC PAU                      *Alida's Song*  
A fourteen-year-old boy who has been neglected by irresponsible parents spends a wonderful summer on a farm where his grandmother cooks for two elderly brothers.

Philbrick, Rodman.      Realistic Fiction. FIC PHIL                      *Freak the Mighty*  
At the beginning of eighth grade, Max, who has a learning disability, and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.

Shusterman, Neal      Realistic Fiction. FIC SHU                      *The Schwa Was Here*  
A Brooklyn eighth-grader nicknamed Antsy befriends the Schwa, an "invisible-ish" boy who is tired of blending into his surroundings and going unnoticed by nearly everyone. Award: Boston Globe/Horn Book

Spinelli, Jerry      Realistic Fiction. FIC SPI                      *Loser*  
Even though his classmates from first grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Daniel Zinkoff's optimism and exuberance and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.

Spinelli, Jerry.      Realistic Fiction. FIC SPI                      *Stargirl*  
Stargirl, a teen who animates quiet Mica High with her colorful personality, suddenly finds herself shunned for her refusal to conform.  
(Also available in Spanish: Stargirl 468 SPI)

Raskin, Ellen.      Mystery. FIC RAS                      *The Westing Game*  
The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.  
Award: Newbery

St. Exupery, Antoine      Fantasy. FIC SAI                      *The Little Prince*  
An aviator whose plane is forced down in the Sahara Desert encounters a little prince from a small planet who relates his adventures in seeking the secret of what is important in life.

White, E.B.      Fantasy. FIC WHI                      *Stuart Little*  
The adventures of the debonair mouse Stuart Little as he sets out in the world to seek out his dearest friend, a little bird who stayed a few days in his family's garden.