

At Ensign Learning Center, we strive to create a learning environment that supports our educational and character-building goals. To ensure that all reading materials align with our mission, we have established guidelines for books brought to school.

Book Categories

Approved Books – These books are suitable for school activities, including the Read-a-Thon and classroom libraries.

Disapproved Books – These books are not permitted for school-sponsored activities such as the Read-a-Thon or inclusion in classroom libraries.

Not Allowed Books – These books are not permitted at school under any circumstances. If a student brings a book from this list, it will be confiscated, and a parent or guardian must pick it up from the school office.

Current Book List (Subject to Change)

Not Allowed Books (Will Be Confiscated):

Manga (All manga series and books)

Approved/Disapproved Books (For Read-a-Thon or Classroom Libraries):

***We strongly encourage parents to closely monitor ALL books their children are reading, including the books on the approved list in order to talk with them about various concepts and themes found within the books.**

APPROVED LIST 3rd-6th grade

Name of Book		Author	Suggested Age	Parent Guidance
Series	Adventures in Greatness	Abeka Reader	6th	Approved
	Adventures in Nature	Abeka Reader	5th-6th	Approved
Series	Ann of Green Gables Books	L.M. Montgomery	3rd-6th	Approved
	Ann of Green Gables			Approved
Series	Ann of Avonlee			Approved
	Ann of the Island			Approved
Series	The BFG	Roald Dahl		Approved
	Beyond the Horizon	Abeka Reader	5th	Approved
Series	Biography of William Stowell	Robert J. Kingston		Approved
	Biography of Vesta Minerva Stowell Kingston			Approved
Series	Black Beauty	Anna Sewell		Approved
	Boggin, Blizzy, and Sleeter the Cheater	Michael P. Waite		Approved
Series	Book of Mormon		8+	Approved
	Buzzie Billy	Michael P. Waite		Approved
Series	Casey the Greedy Young Cowboy	Michael P. Waite		Approved
	Charlotte's Web	E.B. White		Approved
Series	The Chocolate Touch	Patrick Skene Catling		Approved
	A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens		Approved
Series	Chronicles of Narnia	C S Lewis		Approved
	The Magician's Nephew			Approved
Series	The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe			Approved
	The Horse and His Boy			Approved
Series	Prince Caspian			Approved
	The Voyage of the Dawn Treader			Approved
Series	The Silver Chair			Approved
	The Last Battle			Approved
Series	Exiled Prince	Elizabeth Rice Handford		Approved
	Fables and Folktales	Abeka Reader	4	Approved
Series	Family Kingdom	Samuel W Taylor		Approved
	The Five Children and It	E. Nesbit		Approved
Series	The Fugitive King	Elizabeth Rice Handford		Approved
	Gilly Greenwood's Gift for Granny	Michael P. Waite		Approved
Series	The Giving Tree	Shel Silverstein		Approved
	The Greatest Salesman	Og Mandino		Approved
Series	Handy Dandy Helpful Hal	Michael P. Waite		Approved
	The Hobbit	JRR Tolkien		Approved
Series	The Hollyhock Gardens of Gneedle & Gribb	Michael P. Waite		Approved
	Heros and Helpers	Abeka Reader	4	Approved
Series	Holy Bible		8+	Approved
	Holy Scriptures		8+	Approved
Series	Illustrated Bible (Sunday School Books)			Approved
	Illustrated Book of Mormon (Sunday School Books)			Approved
Series	Imagination Station Books 1-29	Marianne Hering	2-6	Approved
	Lectures on Faith	Joseph Smith		Approved
Series	The Legend of Sleepy Hollow	Washington Irving		Approved
	The Legend of the Guardians-The Owls of Ga'hoole	Kathryne Lasky		Approved
Series	The Life of George Washington			Approved
	Little House on the Prairie Series	Laura Ingals Wilder		Approved
Series	Little House in the Big Woods			Approved
	Farmer Boy			Approved
Series	Little House on the Prairie			Approved
	On the Banks of Plum Creek			Approved
Series	By the Shores of Silver Lake			Approved
	The Long Winter			Approved
Series	Little Town on the Prairie			Approved
	These Happy Golden Years			Approved
Series	The First Four Years			Approved
	The Lord of the Rings Trilogy	JRR Tolkien		Approved
Series	The Fellowship of the Ring			Approved
	The Two Towers			Approved
Series	The Return of the King			Approved
	Max and the Big Fat Lie	Michael P. Waite		Approved
Series	Miggy and Tiggy	Michael P. Waite		Approved
	Mountain Pathways	Abeka Readers	6	Approved
Series	An Orange for Frankie	Patricia Polacco		Approved
	Of America I	Abeka Readers	5	Approved
Series	Of America II	Abeka Readers	6	Approved
	Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens	4th-6th	Approved
Series	Once upon a Story	Abeka Reader	4	Approved

*A character named Philipa likes to play the game of broken hearts. This is frowned upon by the mair

Misrepresentation of the cause of U.S. Civil War, overly strong emphasis on dark skinned people beir

Mildly dark themes involving a workhouse, poverty, and death

Our Hero General US Grant	Josephine Pollard Edwin Forbes	Approved
The Phantom Tollbooth	Norton Juster	Approved
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm	Katie Douglas Wiggan	Approved
Road Trip East	Abeka Reader	4 Approved
Road Trip West	Abeka Reader	4 Approved
Sammy's Gadget Galaxy	Michael P. Waite	Approved
Sir Maggie the Mighty	Michael P. Waite	Approved
The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett	Approved
The Story of Dr. Dolittle	Hugh Lofting	Approved
Suzy Swolf	Michael P. Waite	Approved
Sylvester the Jester	Michael P. Waite	Approved
The Tale of Peter Rabbit	Beatrix Potter	Approved
The Velveteen Rabbit	Margery Williams	Approved
Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls	Approved
Windows in the World	Abeka Readers	5 Approved
Voyage of Discovery	Abeka Readers	6 Approved

Another term for male donkey is used in the last chapter of the book

APPROVED LIST 2nd-3rd grade

	Name of Book	Author	Reading Level	Series Name	Parent Guidance
	A Candle in the Window	Michael Ashman Bell	3-5	Approved	
	A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens	6	Approved	
	<i>A Day at Greenhill farm</i>	<i>Sue Nicholson</i>	1-2	Approved	
	A Funny Man	Patricia Jensen	1-2	Approved	
	A Seed in the Start		1	Approved	
	Aaron Is a Good Sport	P.D. eastman	1	Approved	
	Aaron Has a Lazy Day	PD Eastman	1	Approved	
	Adventures in Other Lands	Abeka Reader	3	Approved	
	Amelia Bedelia by the Yard	Herman Parish		Approved	
	Amelia Bedelia Sleeps Over	Herman Parish		Approved	
	Among the Animals	Abeka Reader	3	Approved	
	Are You My Mother	PD Eastman	1-2	Approved	
	Bathtime Is for Biscuit	Alyssa satin capucilli		Approved	
	Black Beauty	Anna Sewell		Approved	
	Boggin, Blizzy, and Sleeter the Cheater	Michael P. Waite	1	Approved	
	Bunny Bonanza	Ben m. Baglio		Approved	
	Buzzie Billy	Michael P. Waite	1	Approved	
	Casey the Greedy Young Cowboy	Michael P. Waite	1	Approved	
	Cat In the Hat	Dr. Seuss	2	Approved	
	Chicken in Mittens	Adam Lehrhaupt		Approved	
	Christmas gifts, Christmas blessing	Thomas s. monson		Approved	
	Cooking with Sam-I-Am	courtney carbone		Approved	
	Curious George the Dog Show	Monica Prez		Approved	
	Diary of a Worm Teacher's Pet	Lori haskins houran		Approved	
	Dixie and the Class Treat	Grace Gilman		Approved	
	Dixie and the School Trip	Grace Gilman	1	I can read	Approved
	Dolphin Adventure	Wayne Grover		Approved	
	Donkey Daniel in Bethlehem	Arch books	1	Approved	
	Ducks in a Row	Lon Haskins Houran	1-2	Approved	
	Flat Stanley and the Very Big Cookie	Scholastic	2	I can read	Approved
	Fox Versus Winter	Corey Tabor		Approved	
	Gifts and Gadgets	abeka Reader	3	Approved	
	Gilly Greenweed's Gift for Granny	Michael P. Waite	1	Approved	
	<i>God Believes in You</i>	<i>Holle Bea</i>	1-2	Approved	
	Goodnight Moon	Margaret Wise Brown	1	Approved	
	Green Eggs and Ham	Dr. Seuss		Approved	
	Handy Dandy Helpful Hal	Michael P. Waite	1	Approved	
	Happy Go Ducky	Lori haskins houran		Approved	
	Henry & Mudge and the Long Weekend	Cynthia rylant	1-2	Approved	
	Henry and Mudge and the Happy Cat	Cynthia rylant		Approved	
	Hop on Pop	Dr. Seuss	1-2	Approved	
	<i>Horses and Ponies</i>	<i>Rosanna Hansen</i>	1-2	Approved	
	Hot Rod Hamster and the Haunted Halloween Party	Cynthia Lord	2	Approved	
	How To Make a Pancake	Dave Max	3	Approved	
	Hungry Hungry Sharks	Joanne Cole		Approved	
	Hunter's Best Friend at School	Laura Malone Elliott	2	Approved	Boys chased girls in picture, coffee is mentioned
	Hydrology the Study of Water	Christine Taylor		Approved	
	I Am Not a Dinosaur	Mary Packard	1-2	Approved	
	I Can Help	Peggy Perry Anderson		Approved	
	If I Ran to the Horse Show	Bonnie Worth		Approved	
Series	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie	Laura Joffe Numeroff	1-2	Approved	
Series	If You Give a Pig a Pancake	Laura Joffe Numeroff	1-2	Approved	
Series	If You Give a Pig a Party	Laura Numeroff	2	Approved	
Series	If You Take a Mouse to School	Laura Joffe Numeroff		Approved	
	Illustrated Bible (Sunday School Books)			Approved	
	Illustrated Book of Mormon (Sunday School Books)			Approved	
	Imagination Station Books 1-17	Marianne Hering	2-6	Approved	
	Imogene's Antlers	David Small	2	Approved	
	In his hands	Abeka Reader	3	Approved	
	Inchworm Helps Out	Joanne mattern	-	Approved	
	Inchworm Helps Out	Troll	2	Approved	
	Insects how to watch and understand	steve parker		Approved	
	just me and my little brother	Mercer mayer		Approved	
	Little tiger picks up	Michael Dahl		Approved	
	LMNO Peas	Keith Baker	2	Approved	
	Lucky duck	Ellen Weiss	1	Approved	
	Max and the Big Fat Lie	Michael P. Waite	1	Approved	
	Miggy and Tiggy	Michael P. Waite	1	Approved	
	Nach and the Ark	abeka reader	2	Approved	
	National Geographic kids volcanoes	Anne Schreiber		Approved	
	Oh the Places You Go	Dr. Seuss	1-2	Approved	
	On the Bright Side	Abeka Reader	3	Approved	
	One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish	Dr. Seuss	1-2	Approved	
	Our Little Echo	Abeka Reader	2		

Paddington on top	Michael bond		Approved
Pilgrim Boy	Abeka Reader		Approved
Pinkalicious the princess of pink slumber parties	Victoria Kann		Approved
Quest for Adventure	Abeka Book	1-2	Approved
Ranger Rick i wish a were a lion	Sandra Markle		Approved
Secret in the Maple Tree	Abeka Reader	3	Approved
Sir Maggie the Mighty	Michael P. Waite	1	Approved
Stone Fox	John Reynolds Gardiner		Approved
Suzu Swoof	Michael P. Waite	1	Approved
Swiss Family Robinson	Abeka Reader	3	Approved
Sylvester the Jester	Michael P. Waite	1	Approved
The BFG	Roadl Dahl	3-5	Approved
The BFG.	Kristen Depken	1	Approved
The chocolate touch	Patrick skene cathing	3-7	Approved
The Eagle and the Mole	Abeka Reader	2	Approved
The Ear Book	Al Perkins	1-2	Approved
The Giving Tree	Shel Silverstein	2	Approved
The Hollyhonk Gardens of Gneedle & Gribb	Michael P. Waite	1-2	Approved
the little mouse on the prairie	Stephen Casgrove		Approved
The stars were gleaming	Greg Olsen	2-3	Approved
the story of isaac and rebecca	Alice Joyce Danson		Approved
The Story of Dr. Dolittle	Hugh Lofting	5	Approved
The Tale of Peter Rabbit	Beatrix Potter	1-3	Approved
The Three Little Pigs	abaka Reader	2	Approved
The Tooth Book	Dr. Seuss	1-2	Approved
The Velveteen Rabbit	Margery Williams	4	Approved
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle	1	Approved
The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahme		Approved
<i>Through the seasons</i>	Abeka Reader	3	Approved
<i>Tonka fire truck to the rescue</i>	Ann Martin	1-2	Approved
<i>Treats and Treasures</i>	Abeka Reader	3	Approved
<i>Valentine mice</i>	Bethany Roberts	1	Approved

DECLINED LIST

Name of Book	Author	Reason for Being Declined
Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer	Language, Queen goes against the ones above her, Artemis is a thief
Christopher Columbus & the Discovery of the New World	Marquis De Belloy	Pictures of undressed people
The Dork Diary Series	Rachel Renee Russell	Immorality, disrespect to parents
The Girl on the Train	Paula Hawkins	immorality
The Good Dog	Avi	rebellion against parents with no consequence
The Great Brain	John D. Fitzgerald	alcohol use in minors, theft of parent belongings with no consequence
Half Magic	Edward Eager	defiance and disrespect toward parents
The Indian in the Cupboard	Lynne Reid Banks	Rebellion against parents with no consequences
Magic Tree House Merlin Missions #5 - Carnival at Candlelight	Mary Pope Osborne	A portion of the book encourages choosing/disguising the kids' gender. They come across a man dis
The Mouse and the Motorcycle	Beverly Cleary	deceit and hiding things from parents
Old Yeller	Fred Gipson	defiance against parents without any real consequence
Shiloh	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	language, hiding dog from dad
Summer of the Monkeys	Wilson Rawls	alcohol use in a minor
There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom	Louis Sachar	mild immorality
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	Avi	language, defiance of parents with no consequence
The Magic Treehouse/Magic Treehouse Merlin's Mission	Mary Pope Osborne	The children purposefully hide their adventures from their parents.

Policy Enforcement

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