

### **Read a Classic to Your Child**

At WCDS students receive summer reading lists from which they choose books they will be tested on come the start of school in August. The School encourages parents to read during summer months with their children, too. Choosing lengthier, classic texts will not only allow parents to spend more treasured time with their children but will expose the children to literature they may not readily read on their own.

Below is a sample of classics from which to choose. Many of these books are available in the WCDS Library and can be checked out for the summer. Most are also available on tapes or CDs to be listened to while traveling in cars, trains, or planes this summer. Storyteller Jim Weiss has recorded many of these classics (including Greek, Roman, Persian, and Norse Myths) on CDs for purchase on Amazon. The WCDS library has a collection of Weiss tapes and/or CDs families may borrow.

- Aesop's Fables
- *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll
- Andersen's Fairy Tales
- *At the Back of the North Wind* by George MacDonald
- *Bambi* by Felix Salten
- *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell
- *Charlotte's Web*, *Stuart Little*, or *Trumpet of the Swan* by E.B. White
- Grimm's Fairy Tales
- *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift
- *Heidi* by Johanna Spyri
- *The Jungle Book* or *Kim* by Rudyard Kipling
- *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* series by C.S. Lewis
- *Little House on the Prairie* by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *Little Women* or *Little Men* by Louisa May Alcott
- *Mary Poppins* by P.L. Travers
- *The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood* by Howard Pyle
- *Rabbit Hill* or *Ben and Me* by Robert Lawson
- *Rascal* by Sterling North
- *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm* by Kate Douglas Wiggin
- *Rip Van Winkle and Legend of Sleepy Hollow* by Washington Irving
- *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel DeFoe
- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* or *Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
- *The Adventures of Pinocchio* by Carlo Collodi
- *The Bible*
- *The Secret Garden* or *Little Lord Fauntleroy* by Frances H. Burnett
- *The Story of King Arthur* by Howard Pyle
- *The Swiss Family Robinson* by Johann D. Wyss
- *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne
- *The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle* by Hugh Lofting
- *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame