



# TRUE NORTH

## CLASSICAL ACADEMY

*Timeless Principles. Remarkable Achievement.*

### **Classics to Keep (K-6th Grade)**

SY: 2025-26

Dear Parents,

Books are at the core of a classical, liberal arts education. At True North, we have a literature-rich environment and have provided each classroom with a great library of books to read in class and at home. One of our goals is to ensure that our students become lifelong readers and develop a love of books. With that end in mind, we would like our students to develop a personal library of books they mark, keep, and return to during their time at True North, and which they will be able to treasure for years to come. We call these books “Classics to Keep.” Your child’s class will utilize these books during the school year. Parents and students are strongly encouraged to purchase these books for their own personal collections, so they can mark them and keep them, allowing students to build an impressive personal library of classics over the course of their academic career with True North. For families who do not purchase the texts, please let your teacher know, and we will ensure your student has access to a copy of these books as part of their curriculum. Students should not mark these books provided by True North, and will be asked to return them in good condition once their class has finished using them.

Below is a list of the “Classics to Keep” along with the specific ISBNs for each text, which will enable the class to easily refer to a page number or specific passage during discussions. It is very important that the specific ISBN version is purchased to allow for rich class discussion referencing correct page numbers. For your convenience, we have partnered with Amazon to make purchasing these novels fast and convenient for our families.

Warm regards,

Jeanine Finlay | Head of Schools

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The following is a snapshot of our K-6th Grade “Classics to Keep.” After the table, you will find book cover photos along with the links for each grade level.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>ISBN</b>
<b>K</b>	None	n/a	n/a
<b>1st</b>	<i>Owl at Home</i> (Summer Reading)	Arnold Lobel	978-0064440349
	<i>Little Bear</i>	Elsa Holmelund Minarik	978-0064440042
	<i>Frog and Toad Storybook Favorites</i>	Arnold Lobel	978-0062883124
	<i>Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie</i>	Connie Roop	978-0876144541
	<i>A Bargain for Frances</i>	Russell Hoban	978-0064440011
	<i>Dinosaurs Before Dark</i>	Mary Pope Osborne	978-0679824114
<b>2nd</b>	<i>The Bears on Hemlock Mountain</i> (Summer Reading)	Alice Dalgliesh	978-0689716041
	<i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i>	Patricia MacLachlan	978-0062399526
	<i>The Velveteen Rabbit</i>	Margery Williams	979-8618404549
	<i>Winnie-the-Pooh</i>	A. A. Milne	978-0142404676
	<i>Knights of the Round Table</i>	Gwen Gross	978-0394875798
	<i>Peter Pan</i>	Tania Zamorsky	978-1454948018
	<i>Pinocchio</i>	Tania Zamorsky	978-1454942399
<b>3rd</b>	<i>The Boxcar Children</i> (Summer Reading)	Gertrude Chandler Warner	978-0807508527
	<i>Surprise Island</i>	Gertrude Chandler Warner	978-0807576748
	<i>Charlotte’s Web</i>	E. B. White	0061124958
	<i>The Castle in the Attic</i>	Elizabeth Winthrop	978-0440901303
	<i>The Adventures of Robin Hood</i>	John Burrows	978-1402712579
	<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i>	Roald Dahl	978-0142410318

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>ISBN</b>
<b>4th</b>	<i>Tales from the Odyssey, Part 1</i> (Summer Reading)	Mary Pope Osborne	978-1423128649
	<i>Tales from the Odyssey, Part 2</i>	Mary Pope Osborne	978-1423126102
	<i>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</i>	C. S. Lewis	978-0064404990
	<i>Toliver's Secret</i>	Esther Wood Brady	978-0679848042
	<i>Carry On, Mr. Bowditch</i>	Jean Lee Latham	978-0618250745
	<i>The Shakespeare Stealer</i>	Gary Blackwood	978-0141305950
<b>5th</b>	<i>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh</i> (Summer Reading)	Robert C. O'Brien	978-0689710681
	<i>Call It Courage</i>	Armstrong Sperry	978-0689713910
	<i>Johnny Tremain</i>	Esther Hoskins Forbes	978-0547614328
	<i>Little Britches</i>	Ralph Moody	978-0803281783
	<i>Prince Caspian</i>	C. S. Lewis	978-0064471053
	<i>The Voyage of the Dawn Treader</i>	C. S. Lewis	978-0064471077
	<i>Number the Stars</i>	Lois Lowry	978-0547577098
<b>6th</b>	<i>Tales of the Greek Heroes</i> (Summer Reading)	Roger Lancelyn Green	978-0141325286
	<i>The Wanderings of Odysseus</i>	Rosemary Sutcliff	978-0553494822
	<i>The Bronze Bow</i>	Elizabeth George Speare	978-0395137192
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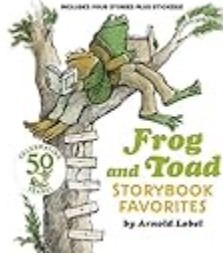
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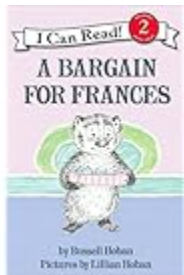
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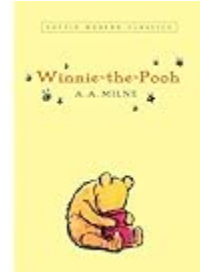
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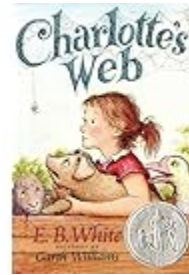
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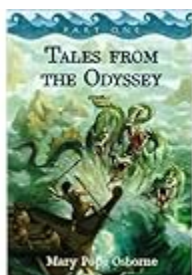


*The Adventures of Robin Hood*  
John Burrows  
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*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*  
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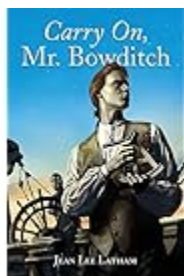
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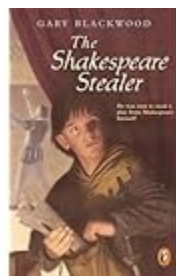
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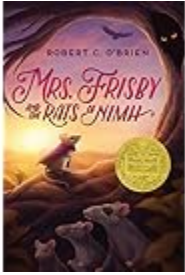


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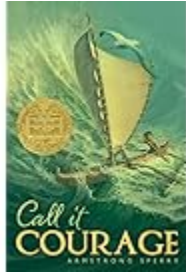


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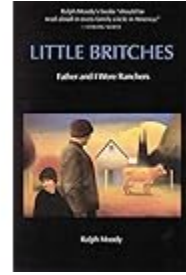
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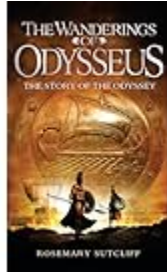


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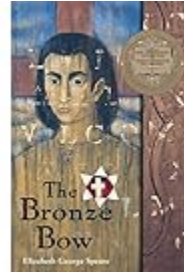
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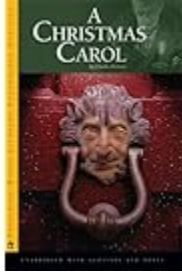
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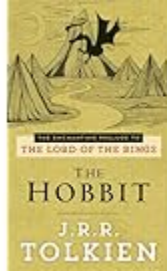
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