



MONTESSORI DE MANILA

Primary • Elementary • Secondary Levels

Literature and Panitikan Circular Level II – B (Grade 5)
2020-2021



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Dear Parents,

Buen dia, Montessorians!

Books we read and the characters we know become like friends. They make us happy, keep us company, and sometimes they stay in our minds and hearts forever. Reading good literature helps children develop confidence, language skills, and helps them cope with their feelings.

Poring over books unlocks a child's new world, leading him to fathom the unknown, develop empathy, improve concentration, and enrich creativity. Dr. Maria Montessori believed that "the child who concentrates is immensely happy" and exposure to books can "touch his imagination as to enthuse him to his innermost core."

In line with our literary study, each pupil is required to do a Book Report for the Third Term, the format of which will be taken up in class. To be guided well on book selection, here is a wide range of recommended reading for each level, which we based on the students' expected capacity of comprehension.

Level II – B Grade 5 ENGLISH LITERATURE			
TITLE	AUTHOR	CATALOGUED IN MDM LIBRARY	AVAILABLE IN BOOKSTORES
26 Fairmont Avenue	Tomie dePaola	x	x
Adventures of Robinhood, The	Howard Pyle	x	x
Anne of Windy Poplars	L.M. Montgomery	√	x
Around in a Hundred Years from Henry the Navigator to Magellan	Jean Fritz	√	x
Ben Hur	Lew Wallace	x	√
Best of Lola Basyang, The	Severino Reyes	√	x
BFG, The	Roald Dahl	√	√
Black Cauldron, The	Lloyd Alexander	x	x
Blue Willow	Doris Gates	√	x
Butterfly, The	Patricia Polacco	x	x
By the Shores of Silver Lake	Laura Ingalls Wilder	√	x
Children of the Fire	Harritte Gillem Robinet	x	x
Chinese Cinderella and the Secret Dragon Society	Adeline Yen Mah	√	x
Chocolate War, The	Robert Cornier	x	√
Christmas Carol, A	Charles Dickens	√	√
Clay Marble, The	Minfong Ho	√	x
Dear America: My Heart Is on the Ground (The Diary of Nannie Little Rose, a Sioux Girl)	Ann Rinaldi	√	x
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde	Robert Louis Stevenson	√	√
Door in the Wall, The	Marguerite de Angeli	x	x
El Dorado Adventure, The	Lloyd Alexander	x	x
Falling Leaves	Adeline Yen Mah	√	√
Farewell Symphony, The	Anna Harwell Celenzia	x	x
Fire Eaters, The (Winner of the 2003 Whitbread Children's Books Award)	David Almond	x	x
From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	E.L. Konigsburg	x	√
Grandpa's Great Escape	David Walliams	x	x
Good Night, Lala	Corazon D. Calica	√	√
Golem	David Wisniewski	x	x
Gulliver's Travels	Jonathan Swift	√	√
Horse and His Boy, The	C.S. Lewis	√	√
Hound of the Baskervilles, The	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	√	x
Hush (Winner of the Coretta Scott King Award)	Jacqueline Woodson	√	x
I Know Where My Heart Is	Joaquin Domingo S. De Guzman	√	x
Inkheart	Cornelia Funke	x	x
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key	Jack Gantos	√	x
Journey Outside	Mary Q. Steele	√	x
Julie of the Wolves	Jean Craighead George	√	x
King Solomon's Mines	H. Rider Haggard	√	x
Larger Than Life	J.J. Gardner	√	x
Last Battle	C.S. Lewis	√	√
Letters from Rifka	Karen Hesse	√	x
Life with the Poor, A	Didith Tan Rodrigo	√	x
Little House on the Prairie	Laura Ingalls Wilder	√	√
Loner, The	Ester Wier	x	x
Magician's Nephew	C.S. Lewis	√	√
Mary Poppins	P.L. Travers	x	x
Merry Adventures of Robin Hood, The	Howard Pyle	x	x
Midnight Gang, The	David Walliams	x	x
My Heart is on the Ground: The Diary of Nannie Little Rose, a Sioux Girl	Ann Rinaldi	√	x
Night	Elie Wiesel	x	x
Night Swimmers, The	Gary Paulsen	x	x
No Promises in the Wind	Irene Hunt	√	x
Number the Stars	Lois Lowry	√	√
Occasional Cow, An	Polly Horvath	x	x

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Oregon Trail, The	Francis Parkman	x	x
Out of the Dust	Karen Hesse	√	x
Phantom Tollbooth, The	Norton Juster	x	x
Planet of Jr. Brown, The	Virginia Hamilton	x	x
Poison	Chris Wooding	x	x
Polar Express: Trip to the North Pole, The	Ellen Weiss	√	x
Poor Man's Van, The	Gidget Rocoles Jimenez	√	√
Prince Caspian	C.S. Lewis	√	√
Prince of the Dolomites, The	Tomie dePaola	√	x
Princess Academy	Shanon Hale	√	x
Princess and the Goblin, The	George McDonald	√	x
Public's Servant, The	Didith Tan Rodrigo	√	x
Red Pony, The	John Steinbeck	x	x
Rip Van Winkle	Washington Irving	√	√
Road to El Dorado, The (Jr. Novel)	Peter Lerangis	x	x
Robin Hood	Henry Gilbert	√	√
Robin Hood in the Sherwood Forest	Ann McGovern	√	x
Roller Skates	Ruth Sawyer	x	x
Runner, The	Keith Gray	x	x
Shiloh	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	√	√
Shoebox Zoo: Marnie's Quest	Kay Woodward	√	x
Somewhere in the Darkness	Walter Dean Myers	√	x
Souder	William H. Armstrong	√	x
Stories of the North or White Fang	Jack London	√	√
Story of Laura Ingalls Wilder, Pioneer Girl, The (from Laura Ingalls Wilder, Pioneer Girl)	Megan Stine	√	x
Tale of Heidi, The	Johanna Spyri	√	√
Tale of Two Cities, A	Charles Dickens	√	√
Tales of King Arthur	Patricia Retold by Felicity Brook	√	√
Three Musketeers, The	Alexandre Dumas	√	√
Twenty-One Balloons, The	Stephanie S. Tolan	x	x
Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea	Jules Verne	√	√
Voice of Hope in a Time of Darkness: The Songs of Susan Fernandez-Magno	Luchie B. Maranan	√	√
Whale Rider, The (Winner of Audience Award 2003 SUNDANCE Film Festival)	Witi Ihimaera	√	x
What's Your Angle, Pythagoras	Ellis Julie	√	x
Winter Room, The	Gary Paulsen	√	x

FILIPINO PANITIKAN

TITLE	AUTHOR	CATALOGUED IN MDM LIBRARY	AVAILABLE IN BOOKSTORES
Abot Mo ba ang Tainga Mo?	Heidi Emily Eusebio-Abad	√	x
Anluwagi, Ang	Hilario L. Coronel	x	x
Babaeng Nahulog Mula sa Langit, Ang	Maria Elena Paterno	√	√
Bangkang Papel	Genoveva Edroza Matute	x	x
Beybi Naming Mamaw, Ang	Eugene Y. Evasco	√	x
Binibining Phathupats	Juan Crisostomo Soto	x	x
Dagohoy: Ang Mandirigmang Hindi Sumuko	Rene Villanueva	√	x
Dako Pa Roon, Sa	Rene O. Villanueva	√	x
Diego Silang: Lider ng Pag-aalsa sa Ilokos	P.T. Martin	√	x
Diwayen, noong Bago Dumating ang mga Espanyol, Si	Augie Rivera	x	√
Fetch = Dalhan Mo Ako	Becky Bravo	√	x
Gintong Habihan, Ang	Palanca Winners	√	√
Ibong Adarna (Pampaaralan)	Maria O. De Guzman	x	x
Ilalim ng Araw na Pula, Sa	Genoveva Edroza-Matute	x	x
Jose Rizal: Ang Martir ng Bagumbayan	Rene O. Villanueva	x	x
Josefa Llanes Escoda: Huwaran ng Modernong Filipino	Rene O. Villanueva	√	x
Juanito, Noong Panahon ng mga Amerikano, Si	Augie Rivera	√	√
Kalakalang Galeon, Ang	Mike Bigornia	√	x
Katipunan: Hakbang Tungo sa Rebolusyon	Rodolfo H. Desuasido	√	x
Kilusang Propaganda, Ang	Artemio Ileta	√	x
Kung Bakit ang Pinya ay May Isandaang Mata	Nenita Sta. Romana-Cruz	√	√
Kuwento ni Lola Basyang, Mga	Severino Reyes	√	√
Kwentong Bayan Mula sa Asya para sa mga Bata sa Lahat ng Dako, Mga: Aklat 6	Mike Bigornia	x	√
Kwentong Engkantada, Mga	Teresita Santiago-Jayme	√	x
Kwento ng Kaingan Orpheus, Ang	Pat V. Villafuerte	x	x
Lakambini at Ako, Ang	Becky Bravo	√	√
Mahiwagang Kuba	Christine S. Bellen	x	√
Mapun	Carla M. Pacis	√	√
Maraming Ngalan ni Emilio, Ang	Weng D. Cahiles	√	√
Melchora Aquino: Ina ng Himagsikan	Rene O. Villanueva	√	x
Naglakbay si Tulalang sa Araw at Buwan	Eugene Y. Evasco	√	x
Namukadkad ang mga Bulaklak	Grace D. Chong	√	x
Pag-aalsa sa Cavite: Bakit Binitay Sina Padre Gomez, Burgos, at Zamora?	Rene O. Villanueva	√	x
Pangarap ni Crispin	Facesto J. Galauran	x	x
Plaridel: Ang Punong Peryodista ng Propaganda Sagisag ng Kalayaan	Rene Villanueva	√	x
TITLE	AUTHOR	CATALOGUED IN MDM LIBRARY	AVAILABLE IN BOOKSTORES
Sa Dako pa Roon (The Brothers Grimm)	Isinalin ni Rene Villanueva	√	x

Segunda, Noong Panahon ng mga Espanyol, Si	Augie Rivera	√	√
Si Faye, ang Palagi na Lang Anghel	Heidi Emily Eusebio- Abad	√	×
Si Pitong, Noong Panahon ng mga Hapon	Augie Rivera	√	√
Tatlong Bubwit at Ang Bangkang Marikit, Ang	Will P. Ortiz	√	√

Many of these books are available at:

Fully Booked
National / Power Books
Book Sale (sometimes available)

Nearest location:

ATC; Power Plant (Rockwell); Bonifacio High Street; Greenbelt 5
Alabang Town Center; SM Southmall; Festival Mall
SM Southmall

Instagram online sellers who also carry good book titles are: @pumplepiebooks, @belugadreams.ph, @bookeryforkidsandmums_ph, @booksforless_bookstores, @_fullybooked, @tahananbooks, and @harperkids.

Students are to choose any selection in their level's list for use during the school year, or choose any other suitable book from their home library to embark on reading classics/award-winners (e.g. below) and writing book reports.

ALA Booklist Editors' Choice
ALA Notable Book, NCSS – CBC Notable Book
ALA Quick Pick
ALA Top Ten Best Books for Young Adults (BBYA)
ALA Top Ten Best Book for Young Adults
American Library Association
American Book Award
BCCB Blue Ribbon Book
Booklist Top Ten First Novel
Caldecott Medal
Carnegie Medal
Coretta Scott King Award
Edgar Allan Poe Award
Golden Kite Award
Governor General's Literary Award Winner
Jane Addams Children's Book Award
Los Angeles Book Prize

Michael L. Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature
National Children's Book Awards
National Book Award for Children's Literature
Newbery Honor
New York Public Library's 100 Best Children's Book of the Year
New York Public Library's 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing
Notable Children's Book
Notable Children's Trade Book
Parents' Choice
Printz Honor Book
Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year Award
Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year
Pura Belpré Award
Ruth Schwartz Award
SLJ Best Book of the Year
Vicki Metcalf Award
Willa Cather Award

Any of these are also excellent for leisure reading and for one's personal library, so we hope you can make it a point to give books as presents or special treats! Furthermore, why not file this list for future use - such as for summer reading?

Please take note that books such as Glee, High School Musical, Hunger Games, Game of Thrones, Princess Diaries, Stephenie Mayer's Twilight, The Babysitters' Club, Sweet Valley Twins, Sweet Valley High, R.L. Stine's Fear Street, Goosebumps Stories, and J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter, etc. do not come highly recommended as fine literature for book reports.

When we read, we set a fine example that busying oneself in books is a most worthwhile endeavor, and instill in them the love for reading that they may experience the magic it brings to their imagination, something that inane TV variety shows and sitcoms, computer and gaming devices, surfing the Internet and even malling, will never be able to do!

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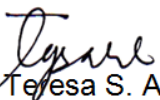
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Library books for leisure reading will be posted on the school website at www.montessoridemanila.edu.ph. Student borrowers may borrow two (2) books at a time, good for 5 days. Books will be disinfected prior to pick-up and after return.


Dejanos leer! (Let's read!)

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"If my books can help children become readers, then I feel I have accomplished something important."



Roald Dahl

Novelist and screenwriter