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Dear Parents/Guardians,
Buona giornata!

“The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can’t read them.” - Mark Twain

(American author of “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn”)

In the modern times, smart gadgets have taken over books as a silent companion. Most children while away their time either playing games on their mobile phones or going through other applications on their gadgets. It is a sad reality that most children do not take the time anymore to read a good book and truly enjoy reading it.

It is Montessori De Manila’s commitment to give our students the opportunity to explore the world through reading. As one of our top priorities, we are providing students this list of must-reads to develop in them the continued love and appreciation for reading.

The list provided below consists of classics and award-winning literary pieces which the students can choose from. All books marked * are highly recommended for book report material. A separate list of poems is also provided as a recommended listing for leisure reading.

A. ENGLISH LITERATURE			
1. NOVELS	AUTHORS	CATALOGUED IN MDM LIBRARY	AVAILABLE IN BOOKSTORES
After the First Death	Robert Cornier	—	—
*An Ocean Apart, A World Away	Lensey Namioka	√	—
*Animal Farm	George Orwell	√	√
Annie John	Jamaica Kinca	—	—
Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman, The	Ernest J. Gaines	—	—
Barchester Towers	Anthony Trollope	—	—
Behind the Scenes at the Museum	Kate Atkinson	√	—
*Bleak House	Charles Dickens	√	—
Bless Me, Ultima	Rudolfo A. Anaya	—	—
*Book Thief, The	Markus Zusak	√	√
Bound	Donna Jo Napoli	—	—
*Bronze Bow	Elizabeth George Speare	√	—
Brown Girl, Brownstones	Paule Marshall	—	—
Buddha in the Attic, The	Julie Otsuka	√	—
*Burn for Burn	Jenny Han	—	√
Carry on, Mr. Bowditch	Jean Lee Lathan	—	—
Children of the River	Linda Crew	—	—
*Chinese Cinderella	Adeline Yen Mah	√	√
*Chinese Cinderella and the Secret Dragon Society	Adeline Yen Mah	√	—
Complete Works of Saki, The	H.H. Munro	—	—
Dangerous Gift, A	Claudia Crawford	√	—
Dark is Rising, The (Series)	Susan Cooper	√	—
Day the Leader Was Killed, The	Naguib MahFouz	—	—
Downsiders	Neal Shusterman	√	—
Eye of the Horse, The (Series)	Jamila Gavin	—	—
Eyes of the Emperor	Graham Salisbury	√	—
*Falling Leaves	Adeline Yen Mah	√	√
Farah	Edilberto K. Tiempo	—	—
First Part Last, The	Angela Johnson	—	—
Fledgling, The	Jane Langton	√	—
Giver, The	Lois Lowry	√	√
Go Tell It on the Mountain	James Baldwin	—	—

Good Earth, The	Pearl S. Buck	√	√
*House of Sixty Fathers	Meindert DeJong	√	—
*Hundred Secret Senses, The	Amy Tan	√	—
In the Pond	HaJin	—	—
Indian Captive	Lois Lenski	√	—
*Joy Luck Club, The	Amy Tan	√	√
Kite Fighters, The	Linda Sue Park	√	—
Language of Threads, The	Gail Tsukiyama	√	—
*Little Prince, The	Antoine de Saint-Exupery	—	√
*Master of Go, The	Yasunari Kawabata	√	—
Matched	Ally Condie	—	√
Middle Moffat, The	Eleanor Estes	—	—
Miss Giardino	Dorothy Bryant	—	—
Mushroom Farmer's Wife, The	Una McManus	√	—
My Name Was Keoko	Linda Sue Park	—	—
Novel Idea, A	Aimee Freidman	—	—
Old Man and the Sea, The	Ernest Hemmingway	√	√
One More Day	Mitch Albom	√	√
Outsiders, The	S.E. Hinton	√	√
Peace	Richard Bausch	—	—
*Please Look After Mom	Kyung-Sook Shin	√	√
Pilot's Wife, The	Anita Shreve	√	—
Replication	Jill Williamson	—	—
Rivals, The	Richard B. Sheridan	—	—
Ruby Holler	Sharon Creech	√	—
Rules of the Road (Winner of the 1998 Los Angeles Times Book Prize)	Joan Bauer	√	—
Runner, The	Cynthia Voigt	—	—
Samurai's Garden, The	Gail Tsukiyama	√	—
Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind	Suzanne Fisher Staples	—	—
*Silas Marner	George Elliot	√	—
Single Shard, A	Linda Sue Park	—	—
Step from Heaven, A	An Na	√	—
Sterkarm Handshake, The	Susan Price	—	—
Summer of the Swans, The	Betsy Bryars	√	—
Tale of the Heike, The	Helen Craig McCullough	—	—
That Book in the Attic	Helen K. Oswald	√	—
Thief, The (A 1997 Newberry Honor Book)	Megan Whalen Turner	√	√
*Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe	√	√
*Thousand Cranes	Yasunari Kawabata	√	—
Ties that Bind, Ties that Break	Lensey Namioka	—	—
*True Believer	Virginia Euwer Wolff	√	—
True Gift	Charles Portis	—	—
Wheel on the School, The	Meindert De Jong	√	—
With Hearts Aflame	Victor M. Ordoñez	—	—
Women of the Silk	Gail Tsukiyama	—	—
Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze	Elizabeth Foreman Lewis	√	—
2. SHORT STORIES / COLLECTIONS			
*Autumn Mountain	Akutagawa Ryunosuke	—	—
*Autumn Wind and Other Short Stories	Translated by Lane Dunlop	—	—
Country Boy Quits School, A	Lao Hsiang	—	—
*Down Town	Hayashi Fumiko	—	—

*Dream of Peace and Other Stories, A	Norma O. Miraflor	√	—
*Flowers for Algernon	Daniel Keyes	—	√
Generosity	Zhang Tianyi	—	—
*In a Grove	Akutagawa Ryunosuke	—	—
*Kahlil Gibran Reader	Jaico Books	—	—
Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner	Alan Sillitoe	—	—
Minister's Black Veil, The	Nathaniel Hawthorne	—	—
Moon on a Frosty Morning, The	Fang Shumin	—	—
None of the Bitter	Genoveva Edroza Matute	—	—
Pearl, The	Yukio Mishima	—	—
Shinto Legends	Gail Tsukiyama	—	—
3. POEMS			
Beloved, The	Kahlil Gibran	—	—
Dhammapada, The	Phra Ajaan Mun	—	—
Gunga Din	Rudyard Kipling	—	—
Prophet, The	Kahlil Gibran	—	√
B. PANITIKAN			
Aklat	MAY-AKDA		
Ang Damo sa Fort Bonifacio	Cyrus Borja	—	—
Ang Ginto sa Makiling at Iba Pang Kwento	Macario Pineda	—	—
Ang Masayang Mundo ni Nestor D.	Antonio A. Hidalgo	—	—
Ang Tundo Man May Langit Din	Andres Cristobal Cruz	√	—
Ano Ngayon, Ricky?	Rosario De Guzman-Lingat	—	—
Cuento, Kwento	Magdalena C. Sayas	√	—
Damdamin ni Corazon at Iba Pang Kwento	Gloria Villaraza Guzman	√	—
Kangkong	Ceres S.C. Alabado	√	—
Kung Wala na ang Tag-araw	Rosario De Guzman-Lingat	√	—
Luha ng Buwaya	Amado V. Hernandez	—	—
Lumbay ng Dila	Genevieve L. Asenjo	—	—
May Tibok ang Puso ng Lupa	Bienvenido A. Ramos	√	—
Mayong	Abdon M. Balde Jr.	—	—
Mga Kwento ng Puso	Elena M. Patron	—	—
Mga Piling Awit at Korido	Damiana Eugenio	—	—
Piling Maikling Kwento 1939-1992	Genoveva Edroza-Matute	√	—
Piling Nobela-Lakandula Halimuyak, ang Bungo	Alberto Segismundo Cruz	—	—
Sa mga Kuko ng Liwanag	Edgardo Reyes	√	—
Saksi	B.S Medina, Jr.	√	—
Walo at Kalahating Dekada ng Isang Buhay	Genoveva Edroza-Matute	√	—

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Most of these are award-winning books and any of these are also excellent for recreation reading and as part of one's personal library.

Please note that reading/selecting pocketbooks such as **Glee, Game of Thrones, Hunger Games, Princess Diaries, Stephenie Mayer's Twilight Series, Animorphs, Sweet Valley High, R.L. Stine's Fear Street, Goosebumps Stories, Blue Bloods Series, The Vampire Diaries, Divergent Series by Veronica Roth, Percy Jackson Series, J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter Series, novels by Haruki Murakami**, and others will not be accepted as book reports as they are not regarded as fine literature.

Reading is the most basic yet the most important skill of all. Let us allow our children to exercise this to enhance their knowledge and reading comprehension, which help them with their understanding of their lessons in school and of the world.

As growing individuals, they need outlets for their imagination. Let books help them discover the good things that are instilled in the world, thus, making them wiser and more capable human beings.

To borrow books from the MDM library, please email:

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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.

“A good book is the precious lifeblood of a master spirit, embalmed and treasured upon purpose to a life beyond life.”

John Milton, 17th century English poet and author of “Paradise Lost” and “Paradise Regained”

“There are many little ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all.”

– Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, former First Lady of the United States (1961-1963)

“Great books help you understand, and they help you feel understood.”

John Green, American author, vlogger, writer, producer, actor, and editor

Leggiamo! (Let’s read!)



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