



MONTESSORI DE MANILA

Primary • Elementary • Secondary Levels

Literature and Panitikan Circular Level II – C (Grade 6)
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 – C (Grade 6) ENGLISH LITERATURE

TITLE	AUTHOR	CATALOGUED IN MDM LIBRARY	AVAILABLE IN BOOKSTORES
1984	George Orwell	√	√
3 Cups of Tea	Greg Mortensen	x	x
Adam of the Road	Elizabeth Janet Gray	√	x
Adventures of Huckleberry Fin, The	Mark Twain	√	√
Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The	Mark Twain	√	√
Amos Fortune, Free Man	Elizabeth Yates	√	x
Angela's Ashes	Frank McCourt	√	x
...And Now Miguel	Joseph Krungold	√	x
Artemis Fowl (Series)	Eoin Colfer	√	√
Avion My Uncle Flew, The	Cyrus Fisher	√	x
Be Yourself	Michelle Magorian	x	x
Black Pearl, The	Scott O'Dell	√	x
Breakout (National Book Award)	Paul Fleischman	√	x
Calico Bush	Rachel Field	√	√
Call It Courage	Armstrong Sperry	√	√
Call of the Wild	Jack London	√	x
Captains Courageous	Rudyard Kipling	√	x
Catherine, Called Birdy	Karen Cushman	x	x
Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court, A	Charles Dickens	√	x
Coraline	Neil Gaiman	√	√
Corner of the Universe, A	Ann M. Martin	√	x
Crispin (Trilogy)	Avi	x	x
Crispin the Cross of Lead	Avi	√	x
Dacey's Song	Cynthia Voight	x	x
Dogsong	Gary Paulsen	√	x
Dragon's Gate	Lawrence Yep	√	x
Dream Soul	Lawrence Yep	√	x
Eagle and the Rainbow, The	Antonio Hernandez	x	x
	Madrigal		
Ear, the Eye, and the Arm, The	Nancy Farmer	√	x
El Cid	Geraldine McCaughrean	√	√
Ender's Game	Orson Scott Card	√	√
Fine White Dust, A	Cynthia Rylant	√	x
First International Filipino Diva, The	Lin Acacio-Flores	√	√
Five Boys	Mick Jackson	√	x
Francis, the Poor Man of Assisi	Tomie dePaola	x	x
Frankenstein	Mary Shelley	√	√
Folk Keeper, The (Winner of the Boston Globe/Horn Book Award for Fiction)	Franny Billingsley	√	x
Garbage King, The	Elizabeth Laird	√	x
Gathering of Days, A	Joan W. Blos	√	x
Getting Near to Baby (A 2000 Newbery Honor Book)	Audrey Coulombis	√	x
Giver, The	Lois Lowry	√	√
Golden Goblet, The	Eloise Jarvis McGraw	√	x
Good Master, The	Kate Seredy	√	x
Great Expectations	Charles Dickens	√	√
Great Fire, The	Jim Murphy	x	x
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen	√	x
Helen Keller's Teacher	Margaret Davidson	x	x
High King, The	Lloyd Alexander	√	x
Holes	Louis Sachar	√	√
Homesick – My Own Story	Jean Fritz	√	x
I am Malala	Malala Yousafzai	√	√
Illiad, The	Homer	√	√
Island of the Blue Dolphins	Scott O'Dell	√	√
Jacob Have I Loved	Katherine Paterson	√	√
Journey Outside	Mary Q. Steele	√	x
Kidnapped	Robert Louis Stevenson	√	√

Last Girls of Pompeii, The	Kathryn Lasky	x	x
Last of the Mohicans, The	James Fenimore Cooper	√	x
Life of Pi	Yann Martel	√	√
Little House in Brookfield	Maria D. Wilkes	√	x
Little Men	Louisa May Alcott	√	√
Little Women	Louisa May Alcott	√	√
Little Women at Christmas	Louisa May Alcott	√	√
Looking Glass Wars, The	Frank Beddor	x	x
Lord of the Flies	William Golding	√	√
Lorna Doone	R.D. Blackmore	x	x
Man in the Iron Mask, The	Alexander Dumas	√	√
Maniac Magee	Jerry Spinelli	x	√
Many Stones (A 2000 National Book Award Finalist)	Carolyn Coman	√	x
Marvelous Adventure of Sebastian, The	Lloyd Alexander	x	x
Matilda	Roald Dahl	√	√
Midnight Magic	Avi	√	x
Miracles on Maple Hill	Virginia Sorensen	x	x
Missing May	Cynthia Rylant	√	x
Moby Dick	Herman Melville	√	√
Moccasin Trail	Eloise Jarvis McGraw	√	x
Mutiny on the Bounty	Retold by Margarette Lincoln	x	x
My Brother Sam Is Dead	James Lincoln	x	√
My Father, the "Soldier"	Jake Advincula	√	√
My Sister Shahrazad: Tales from the Arabian Nights	Robert Leeson	x	x
Noonday Friends, The (Newbery Honor Book)	Mary Stolz	√	x
Nothing but the Truth (A Documentary Novel)	Avi	√	√
Old Man and the Sea, The	Ernest Hemingway	√	√
One Thousand Paper Cranes	Takayak Ishii	x	x
Ordinary Miracles	Stephanie S. Tolan	√	x
Penderwicks, The	Jeanne Birdsall	x	√
Perilous Gard, The	Elizabeth Marie Pope	√	x
Pilgrimage, The	Paulo Coelho	√	√
Rabble Starkey	Lois Lowry	√	x
Rascal	Sterling North	x	x
Red Badge of Courage, The	Stephen Crane	√	x
Reluctant Hero, The	Lin Acacio Flores	√	√
Rifles for Watie	Herold Keith	√	x
Ring of Endless Light, A	Madeleine L'Engle	√	x
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred D. Taylor	√	x
Royal Diaries: Eleanor, Crown Jewel of Aquitaine, The	Kristiana Gregory	√	x
Sarah, Plain and Tall	Patricia Maclachlan	√	x
Secret Life of Amanda K. Woods, The (The National Book Award)	Ann Cameron	√	x
Secret of the Andes	Ann Nolan Clark	√	x
Sign of the Beaver, The	Elizabeth George Speare	x	x
Silas Marner	George Eliot	√	x
Silver Pencil, The	Alice Dalgliesh	√	x
Sing Down the Moon	Scott O'Dell	√	x
Singing Tree, The	Kate Seredy	√	x
Skellig (Michael L. Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature)	David Almond	√	x
Slave Dancer, The	Paula Fox	√	x
Sold for Silver	Janet Lim	x	x
Solitaire Blue, A	Cynthia Voight	x	x
Speak	Laurie Halse Anderson	√	x
Staff of Life, The: A Story about Giselle Conception	Didith T. Rodrigo	√	√
Teacher, The	Neni Sta. Romana-Cruz	√	√
Trumpet of the Swan, The (Winner of the Newbery Medal)	E.B. White	√	x
Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea	Jules Verne	√	√
Vocations	Artemio R. Leon	√	x
Votes for Women	Belinda Hollyer	√	x
Within Reach: My Everest Story	Mark Pfetzer/Jack Galvin	√	x
Wheel of Surya, The	Jamela Gavin	√	x
Wheel on the School, The	Meindert DeJong	√	x
White Fang	Jack London	√	√
World, My World, in My Eyes, The	Carl Matthew Rodriguez	√	√
Wuthering Heights	Emily Bronte	√	√
Year Down Yonder, A (Winner 2001 Newbery Medal)	Richard Peck	√	x
Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze	Elizabeth Foreman Lewis	√	x
Z for Zachariah	Robert C. O'Brien	x	x

FILIPINO PANITIKAN

AKLAT	MAY-AKDA	AKLAT	MAY-AKDA
5 Pira-pirasong Dula ng Buhay	Teresita Manaloto Magnaye	x	x
Ako, Mga	Amalia Salamat	x	x
AMKU-Aklat ng Magagandang Kwento 1,3	C.S. Canonigo at Teresita C. Basadre	x	x
Analohiya ng mga Nagwaging Akda	Genoveva E. Matute	x	x
Babae at Iba Pang mga Kwento	Genoveva E. Matute	x	x
Biyaheng Page	Carla M. Pacis	√	x

Dalagita	Josefina Serion	x	x
Damdamin ni Corazon at Iba Pang mga Kuwento	Gloria Villaraza Guzman	√	x
Diaspora at Iba Pang mga Kwento	Genoveva Edroza Matute	√	x
Francisco Balagtas: Florante at Laura	A new verse translation by Randy M. Bustamante	√	x
Florante at Laura	Francisco Balagtas	√	√
Flores de Mayo	Joaquin Sy	x	x
Gintong Habihan, Ang	Tahanan Books	√	√
Ibong Adarna	Mario O. De Guzman	x	x
Ina at Ibang Katha	Doming G. Landicho	√	x
Isang Aral mula kay Juana	Becky Bravo	√	x
Isang Harding Papel	Augie Rivera	√	x
Jin at ang Pawikan, Ang	Carla M. Pacis	√	x
Jhun-Jhun, Noong Bago Ideklara ang Batas Militar, Si	Augie Rivera	√	√
Jose Rizal: Noli Me Tangere	Renato Vibiesca	x	x
Juan Beterano at Iba Pang Kwento, Si	Rosario De Guzman-Lingat	√	x
Kandon	Reynaldo A. Duque	x	x
Kanilang mga Sugat, Ang (Literary Awardee 1995)	Genoveva Matute	√	x
Kasaysayan ng Magkaibigang Nena at Neneng	Veleriano Hernandez- Peña	x	x
Kayumanggi	Christine Marie Lim Magpile	√	x
Kung Wala na ang Tag-araw, Ano Ngayon, Ricky?	Rosario De Guzman-Lingat	√	x
Kuwarto ni Kiko, Ang	Becky Bravo	√	x
Kwento ng Kaingan Orpheus, Ang	Pat V. Villafuerte	x	x
Kwentong Ginto ng 50 Batikang Kwentista	Pedrito Reyes	√	x
Mag-anak na Cruz, Ang	Liwayway A. Arceo	x	√
Modernong Alamat Vol. 2, Mga	Lampara Books	√	x
Modernong Alamat Vol. 3, Mga	Lampara Books	√	x
Monghita	Fausto J. Galauran		
	isinalin sa Filipino ni Lakangiling C. Garcia	√	x
Ms. Philippines	Isagani R. Cruz	√	x
Munting Prinsipe, Ang	Antoine De Saint-Exupery	√	x
Noong Unang Panahon	Hans Christian Andersen / Rene O. Villanueva	√	x
Orasyon: Sa Simbahan, sa Piitan at sa Coral Ballroom ng Manila Hilton	Benigno R. Juan	x	x
Piling Katha, Mga	Liwayway A. Arceo	x	x
Pitong, Noong Panahon ng mga Hapon, Si	Augie Rivera	√	x
Sampagitan Walang Bango	Iñigo Ed Regalado	√	x
Sapot ni Charlotte	E. B. White	√	x
	(isinalin sa Filipino)		
Sugilanon: Mga Piling Maikling Kwentong Hiligaynon	Rosario Cruz-Lucero	√	x
Suyuan sa Tubigan	Macario Pineda	x	x
Tala sa Dagat, Mga	Annett Acacio Flores	√	x
Tao sa Malacañang, Ang	Leonardo Mendez	√	x
Timbulan ng Pag-ibig at Iba Pang Kwento	Rosario Ladia Jose	√	x
Titser: Isang Nobela	Liwayway A. Arceo	√	x
Ulos: 4 na Dula ng Pakikidigma sa Mindanao	Arthur P. Casanova	x	x
Vicenteng Bingi	Jose Villa Panganiban	x	x

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!

To borrow books from the MDM library, please email:

Mrs. Lhen T. Domingo: ms.lhen@montessoridemanila.edu.ph

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.

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

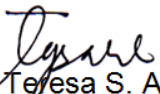
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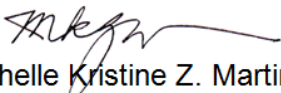
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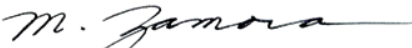
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