



MONTESSORI DE MANILA

Primary • Elementary • Secondary Levels

Literature and Panitikan Circular Level I – C (Grade 3)
2020-2021



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Dear Parents,

Buen día, 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.

- For Levels I-C and II-A (**Grades 3 & 4**):
- print should be somewhat bigger than Level II-B and II-C (Grade 5 - 6's)
 - pocketbooks with some illustrations will help
 - 100 to around 150+ pages will be appropriate for Grades 3 & 4
 - latest finds from Fully Booked: Grosset and Dunlap, Orion's Children's Books, and Classic Starts (Sterling Publishing), and more!

Level I – C (Grade 3) ENGLISH LITERATURE			
TITLE	AUTHOR	CATALOGUED IN MDM LIBRARY	AVAILABLE IN BOOKSTORES
All from the Same Tree	Edited by Carla M. Pacis	√	x
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll	√	√
Andres Bonifacio	Isagani R. Medina	√	√
Antonio Luna	Vivencio R. Jose	√	√
Apolinario Mabini	Dr. Stephen Latorre	√	√
Armadillo Rodeo	Jan Brett	x	x
Are You the Forest King?	Penny R. Velasco	√	x
Babushka Baba Yaga	Patricia Polacco	x	x
Bee Tree, The	Patricia Polacco	x	x
Bard of Avon: The Story of William Shakespeare	Diane Stanley and Peter Vennema	√	x
Beethoven	Ann Rachlin	√	x
Berlioz the Bear	Jan Brett	x	x
Big Anthony: His Story	Tomie dePaola	x	x
Big Boy	Tololwa M. Mollel	x	x
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell	√	√
Capturing Flight: A Story About Nina Ingle	Didith T. Rodrigo	√	√
Carabao-Turtle Race, The (and Other Classic Philippine Animal Folk Tales)	Sylvia Mendez Ventura	√	x
Chocolate Touch, The	Patrick Skene Catling	√	x
Cinco de Noviembre	Rene B. Javellana, S.J.	√	x
Daisy Comes Home	Jan Brett	x	x
Day the Stones Walked, The	T.A. Barron	x	x
Days of the Blackbird	Tomie dePaola	√	x
Dear Mr. Henshaw	Beverly Cleary	√	√
Degas and the Little Dancer	Laurence Anholt	x	x
Diplodocus in the House, The	Rebecca Aionuevo	√	x
Edgar Degas	Mike Venezia	x	x
Emilio Aguinaldo	Elmer A. Ordoñez	√	√
Emily's Runaway Imagination	Beverly Cleary	√	x
Erandi's Braids	Antonio Hernandez Madrigal	x	x
Fairest	Gail Carson Levine	x	x
Fernando Zobel: The Man Who Painted Ideas	Maria Elena Paterno	√	x
Fin M'Coul, The Giant of Knockmany Hill	Tomie dePaola	x	x
First Around the Globe	Reni Roxas and Marc Singer	√	x
Fog Magic	Julia Saucer	√	x
Forgotten Door, The	Alexander Key	x	x
Fourth Grade Rats	Jerry Spinelli	x	√
Gabriela Silang	Neni Sta. Romana	√	√
Gardener of the Sea: A Story about Nida Calumpong	Didith T. Rodrigo	√	√
George's Marvelous Medicine (and Other Classic Philippine Water Tales)	Roald Dahl	√	√
Great Fire, The	Jim Murphy	x	x
Girl Who Fell from the Sky, The (and Other Classic Philippine Legends)	Maria Elena Paterno	√	x
Girl Who Turned Into a Fish, The	Maria Elena Paterno	√	x
Green Clothes for the Yellow Dragon	Russell Molina	√	x
Half and Half	Grace D. Chong	√	x
Happy Prince, The	Oscar Wilde	x	x
Heidi	Johanna Spyri	√	√

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Helga's Dowry	Tomie dePaola	x	x
Henry Huggins (any in the series)	Beverly Cleary	√	√
Higher Power of Lucky, The	Susan Patron	x	x
Hope Was There	Joan Bauer	x	x
House of the Scorpion	Nancy Farmer	x	√
Herbie Jones and the Class Gift	Suzi Kline	x	√
Heroic Symphony, The	Anna Harwell Celenza	x	x
How Love Came to Juan Tamad	Nick Joaquin	√	x
Ibong Adarna (Animasia's English version)	Roberto Alonzo	√	√
Incredible Mysteries- Natural Wonders of the Philippines	Maria Elena Paterno	x	x
It's Called Dyslexia	Jennifer Moore Mallinos	√	x
Jingle: the Christmas Clown	Tomie dePaola	x	x
Jose Rizal	Sylvia Mendez Ventura	√	√
Juan Luna	Carlos Quirino	√	√
Julie of the Wolves	Jean Craighead George	x	x
Just Plain Fancy	Patricia Polacco	x	x
Katie Meets the Impressionists	James Mayhew	x	x
King of the Wind	Marguerite Henry	√	x
Land I Lost, The	Huynh Quang Nhuong	x	x
Legend of the Bluebonnet, The	Tomie dePaola	√	x
Legend of Old Befana, The	Tomie dePaola	x	x
Leonardo Da Vinci	Famous Children Series	x	x
Little House in the Big Woods (any in the series)	Laura Ingalls Wilder	√	x
Lucio San Pedro and His Colorful Music	Miguel Louis Morales	√	√
Made Perfect in Weakness	Didith T. Rodrigo	√	√
Magic Flute: An Opera by Mozart, The	Kyra Teis	x	x
Magic Paintbrush, The	Laurence Yep	√	x
Man who Tricked a Ghost, The	Laurence Yep	√	x
Mangrove Warrior: A Story about Jurgenne Primavera	Didith T. Rodrigo	√	√
Mice and the Motorcycle, The	Beverly Cleary	x	x
Mysteries of Sherlock Holmes	Arthur Conan Doyle	√	x
Moon Robber, The	Dean Morrissey and	√	x
Mozart	Famous Children Series	x	x
Mozart Finds a Melody	Stephen Costanza	x	x
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Richard and Atwater Florence	√	x
Mummy Math	Cindy Neuschwander	x	x
My Side of the Mountain	Jean Craighead	√	x
Night of Las Posada, The	Tomie dePaola	x	x
Not My Dog	Colby Rodowsky	x	x
Noune	Michael Vaidis	x	x
Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein	Don Brown	√	x
Oliver Button Is a Sissy	Tomie dePaola	x	x
On My Honor	Marion Dane Bauer	x	x
On the Far Side of the Mountain	Jean Craighead	√	x
Pandora's Box: A Greek Myth	Jean Marzollo	x	x
Paris in the Spring with Picasso	Joan Yolleck	x	x
Patterns in Peru	Cindy Neuschwander	x	x
Picklemania	Jerry Spinelli	x	x
Picture of Hollis Woods	Patricia Relly Giff	x	x
Pillowcase Cat Caper, The	Marivi Soliven Blanco	√	x
Prince and the Pauper, The	Mark Twain	√	x
Pythagoras and the Ratios	Julie Ellis	x	x
Ralph S. Mouse	Beverly Cleary	√	√
Railway Children, The	Edith Nesbit	√	√
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm	Kate Douglas Wiggin	√	x
Report to the Principal's Office	Jerry Spinelli	x	x
Ribsy	Beverly Cleary	√	x
Rockwell: A Boy and His Dog	Loren Spiotta DiMare	x	x
Runaway Ralph	Beverly Cleary	√	√
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	Eleanor Coerr	x	x
School Story, The	Andre Clements	x	√
Sir Cumference and All The King's Tens	Cindy Neuschwander	x	x
Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi	Cindy Neuschwander	x	x
Sir Cumference and the Great Knight of Angleland	Cindy Neuschwander	x	x
Sir Cumference and the Off-the-Chart-Dessert	Cindy Neuschwander	x	x
Sir Cumference and the Sword in the Cone	Cindy Neuschwander	x	x
Sir Cumference and the Viking's Map	Cindy Neuschwander	x	x
Socks	Beverly Cleary	√	x
Story of the Time Machine, The	Carole Gerber	√	x
Stuart Little	E.B. White	√	√
Sugaring-Off Party, The	Jonathan London	x	x
Suzette and the Puppy	Joan Sweeney	x	x
Swan Lake	Margot Fonteyn	√	√
Termite Queen, The (and Other Classic Philippine Earth Tales)	Sylvia Mendez Ventura	√	√
There's a Diplodocus in the House	Rebecca T. Añonuevo	√	x
Tiger Rising, The	Kate DiCamillo	x	x
Time Traveler	Carol Gaskin	√	√
Time Warp Trio: It's All Greek to Me, The	Jon Scieszka	√	x
Travels of Benjamin of Tudela, The	Uri Shulevitz	x	x
Treasure from Trash: A Story about Evelyn Taboada	Didith T. Rodrigo	√	√

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Tom	Tomie dePaola	x	x
Trouble with Trolls	Jan Brett	x	x
Umbrella, The	Jan Brett	x	x
What Jamie Saw	Carolyn Coman	x	x
What Katy Did	Susan Coolidge	x	√
When Abraham Talked to the Trees	Elizabeth Van Steenwyk	√	x
Who Was...? Ada Lovelace: (The Computer Wizard of Victorian England)	Lucy Lethbridge	√	x
Voyages in Time: Night Music	Alan Daniel/ Lea Daniel	√	x
	Jim Penner		
Warrior Dance, The (and Other Classic Philippine Sky Tales)	Neni Sta. Romana-Cruz	√	√
Water Horse, The	Dick King-Smith	√	√
Whipping Boy, The	Sid Fleischman	√	√
White Star: A Dog on the Titanic	Marty Crisp	√	x
Why the Piña Has a Hundred Eyes (and Other Classic Philippine Folk Tales about Fruits)	Neni Sta. Romana-Cruz	√	√
Yours, Anne – The Life of Anne Frank	Lois Metzger	x	x

FILIPINO PANITIKAN			
TITLE	AUTHOR	CATALOGUED IN MDM LIBRARY	AVAILABLE IN BOOKSTORES
Alamat ng Ampalaya	Augie D. Rivera, Jr.	√	√
Alamat ng Atis	Rene O. Villanueva	√	√
Alamat ng Bahaghari	Rene O. Villanueva	x	x
Alamat ng Niyog	Boots Agbayani-Pastor	√	√
Alamat ng Puno ng Niyog	Richard G. Reynante	x	√
Anak ng Araw, Mga	Rene O. Villanueva	√	√
Angking Galing ni Gaya	Jenny Evans	√	√
Aray, Nasugatan Ako	Luis P. Gatmaitan, M.D.	√	√
Ay! May Bukbok ang Ngipin ni Ani	Luis P. Gatmaitan, M.D.	√	√
Ayan na si... Bolet Bulate	Luis Gatmaitan, M.D.	√	√
Basurahan ni Teo	Grace D. Chong	√	√
Bertdey ni Guido	Rene O. Villanueva	√	√
Botbot, ang Asong Kulubot, Si	Yolanda Guevarra-Dolor	√	x
Boy Who Ate Stars, The (with Filipino text) (1990 – Winner Palanca Award)	Alfred A. Yuson	√	√
Dakilang Himala, Ang	Mary Ann Ordinario-Floresta	√	x
Dalawang Bayani ng Bansa	Rene O. Villanueva	√	√
Diola- Ang Bayani ng Philippine Eagle	Mary Ann Ordinario-Floresta	√	x
Duglit ang Dugong Makulit, Si	Luis P. Gatmaitan, M.D.	x	x
Eagle in the Chicken Yard (with Filipino text)	Sonolux Asia	√	x
Filemon Mamon	Christine Bellen	√	√
Greediest of Rajahs and the Whitest of Clouds, The (with Filipino text) (2003 Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature, First Prize, Best Children's Story)	Honoel Ibardolaza	√	x
Ha-Ha-Hatsing!	Luis P. Gatmaitan, M.D.	√	x
Hipon at Biya (Hipon and Biya)	Carla M. Pacis	√	√
Hukuman ni Sinukuan, Ang	Virgilio S. Almario at Robert Alonzo	√	√
Ibong Adarna	Roberto Alonzo	√	√
Isda para sa Dalawa	Becky Bravo	√	x
Joseng Dalag (Jose the Mudfish)	Segundo D. Matias, Jr.	√	√
Kaibigan Kong Muslim, Ang	Mary Ann Ordinario-Floresta	x	x
Kaibigan Kong si Mabini, Ang	Becky Bravo	√	x
Kasimula-simula 1: Saan Nagmula ang Araw at ang Buwan	Amelia Lapeña Bonifacio	√	x
Kasimula-simula 2: Kung Bakit Kurbado ang Langit	Amelia Lapeña Bonifacio	√	x
Kumakalam na Tiyan, Ang	Grace D. Chong	√	x
Kung Bakit Umuulan (1990 Palanca Award Winner)	Rene O. Villanueva	√	x
Laon at ang Dragong May Pitong Ulo	Gabby Lee / Marcy Dans Lee	√	√
Lola Puti (Kabilang sa Seryeng Matematika)	Russell Molina	√	√
Luis and the Enchanted Creatures (with Filipino text)	Marcy Dans Lee	√	√
Manik Buangsi	Virgilio S. Almario	√	√
Matang Malaki, Matang Maliit	Grace D. Chong	√	x
May Duwende sa Sopas ng Kapatid Ko!	Lara Saguisag	√	x
May Kapatid na si Mungan	Grace del Castillo	x	x
Mr. Beetle's Many Rooms (with Filipino text)	Robert Magnuson	x	x
Noli Me Tangere ni Jose Rizal	muling Isinalaysay ni Rene O. Villanueva	√	√
Ooops, Kumukulo ang Tiyan ni Jimbo	Luis P. Gatmaitan, M.D.	√	x
Paalam, Swimming Pool	Segundo D. Matias Jr.	√	√
Pag-ibig ni Lam-Ang	Virgilio S. Almario	√	√
Pambihirang Buhok ni Lola	Rene O. Villanueva	√	√
Rambutan: Ang Mabalahibong Prutas	Mary Ann Ordinario-Floresta	√	√
Sorpresa para kay Jun, Ang	Anne Stanworth	√	√
Taho, Taho, Taho... Tahooieyy!	Renato C. Vibiesca	√	√
Polliwogs Wiggle (with Filipino text) (2006 Gintong	Heidi Emily Eusebio-	√	x

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Aklat Award Best Children's Book Runner-up)	Abad		
Punong Umiiyak, Ang mga	Mary Ann Ordinario-		
	Floresta	x	√
Tanya, Ang Uwak na Gustong Pumuti, Si	German V. Gervacio	√	√
Terengati: Ang Binatang Nag-asawa ng			
Diwatang Tagalangit (Grand Prize 1993 PBBY)	Victoria Añonuevo	√	x
Tiktapaklong	Rene O. Villanueva	√	x
Tsismis sa Baryo Silid, Ang mga	Ronaldo C. Carcamo	√	√
Tutubi Patrol-"Si Baw, si Bo, at si Nognog Niyog"	Mary Juliet N. Ballutay	√	x
Tutubi Patrol-Si Bas Bayabas at ang Tropang Ok	Luis P. Gatmaitan, M.D.	√	x
Tutubi Patrol-Si Dan Tandang at ang			
Kahong Umilaw	Aristotle S. Garcia	√	x
Tutubi Patrol-Si Isko at ang Anino	Mary Juliet B. Jocano	√	x
Tutubi Patrol-Si Ningning Kuting at ang Pusang			
Gala	Mary Juliet B. Jocano	√	x
Tuwing Sabado	Russel Molina	√	√
Waaah! Nakagat Ako ng Aso!	Luis P. Gatmaitan, M.D.	√	√
William Tell: Isang Kwento Mula sa Austria	Victoria Añonuevo	√	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	National Children's Book Awards
ALA Notable Book, NCSS – CBC Notable Book	National Book Award for Children's Literature
ALA Quick Pick	Newbery Honor
ALA Top Ten Best Books for Young Adults (BBYA)	New York Public Library's 100 Best Children's Book of the Year
ALA Top Ten Best Book for Young Adults	New York Public Library's 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing
American Library Association	Notable Children's Book
American Book Award	Notable Children's Trade Book
BCCB Blue Ribbon Book	Parents' Choice
Booklist Top Ten First Novel	Printz Honor Book
Caldecott Medal	Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year Award
Carnegie Medal	Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year
Coretta Scott King Award	Pura Belpré Award
Edgar Allan Poe Award	Ruth Schwartz Award
Golden Kite Award	SLJ Best Book of the Year
Governor General's Literary Award Winner	Vicki Metcalf Award
Jane Addams Children's Book Award	Willa Cather Award
Los Angeles Book Prize	
Michael L. Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature	

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:

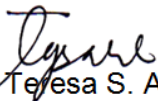
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Library books for leisure reading will be posted on the school website at www.montessoridemanila.edu.ph. Student borrowers may borrow two (2) books at a time, good for 5 days. Books will be disinfected prior to pick-up and after return.

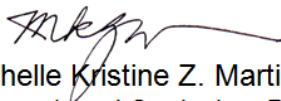
Dejanos leer! (Let's read!)

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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

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