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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. ENGLISH LITERATURE			
1. NOVELS/EPICS	AUTHORS	CATALOGUED IN MDM LIBRARY	AVAILABLE IN BOOKSTORES
Aeneid, The	Virgil	—	—
Alchemist, The	Paulo Coelho	√	√
Aleph	Paulo Coelho	√	√
Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland	Lewis Caroll	√	√
All Quiet on the Western Front	Erich Maria Remarque	—	—
Amsterdam	Ian McEwan	√	—
Angel at My Table, An	Janet Frame	—	—
Anil’s Ghost	Micahel Ondaatje	—	—
Beloved	Toni Morrison	√	√
Black Dahlia, The	James Ellroy	—	—
Boat, The	Nam Le	—	—
Book of Secrets, The	M G Vassanji	—	—
Brave New World	Aldous Huxley	—	√
Catch-22	Joseph Heller	—	√
Catcher in the Rye, The	J D Salinger	√	√
Cat’s Eye	Margaret Atwood	—	—
Clockwork Orange, A	Anthony Burgess	√	√
Cloudstreet	Tim Winton	—	—
Cry, the Beloved Country	Alan Paton	√	√
Day of the Jackal, The	Frederick Forsyth	√	√
Day of the Triffids, The	John Wyndham	√	—
Death in Venice	Thomas Mann	√	—
Diceman, The	Luke Rhinehart	—	—
Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep	Phillip K Dick	—	—
*Don Quixote	Miguel de Cervantes	—	√
Dune	Frank Herbert	—	√
Electra	Hippolytus	—	—
English Patient, The	Michael Ondaatje	√	—
Ethics and Politics	Aristotle	—	—
Eucalyptus	Murray Bail	—	—
Eyre Affair, The	Jasper Fforde	√	—
Farewell to Arms	Ernest Hemingway	√	—
Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas	Hunter S Thompson	—	—
Foundation	Isaac Asimov	√	√
Frankenstein	Mary Shelley	√	√

*God of Small Things, The	Arundhati Roy	√	√
Good Earth, The	Pearl S Buck	√	√
Great Expectations	Charles Dickens	—	√
Guerrillas	V S Naipaul	—	—
Gulliver's Travels	Jonathan Swift	√	√
Handmaid's Tale, The	Margaret Atwood	√	√
Hard Times	Charles Dickens	√	√
Heat and Dust	Ruth Praver Jhabvala	—	—
Home	Larissa Behrendt	—	—
House Gun, The	Nadine Gordimer	—	—
*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	Maya Angelou	—	√
Idea of Perfection, The	Kate Grenville	—	—
Iliad, The	Homer	—	√
In a Free State	V S Naipaul	—	—
*Inferno	Dante	√	√
Inheritance of Loss, The	Kiran Desai	√	—
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	√	√
July's People	Nadine Gordimer	—	—
Labyrinths	Borges	—	—
*Les Misérables	Victor Hugo	√	√
*Love in the Time of Cholera	Gabriel Garcia Marquez	√	√
Maestro	Peter Goldsworthy	—	—
March	Geraldine Brooks	—	—
Mayor of Casterbridge, The	Thomas Hardy	√	—
Medea	Euripedes	—	—
Midnight's Children	Slaman Rushdie	√	√
Miguel Street	V S Naipaul	—	—
Mill on the Floss, The	George Eliot	√	—
My Brilliant Career	Miles Franklin	—	—
Mystic Masseur, The	V S Naipaul	—	—
Name of the Rose, The	Umberto Eco	√	√
Of Love and Shadows	Isabel Allende	—	—
Of Mice and Men	John Steinbeck	√	√
Old Man and the Sea	Ernest Hemingway	√	√
On Chesil Beach	Ian McEwan	—	—
On the Road	Jack Kerouac	√	√
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich	Alexander Solzhenitsyn	√	—
One Hundred Years of Solitude	Gabriel Garcia Marquez	√	—
Oryx and Crake	Margaret Atwood	√	—
Outsider, The	Albert Camus	—	—
Overcoat, The	Nikolai Gogol	—	—
Passage to India, A	E M Forster	—	—
Patron Saint of Eels, The	George Eliot	—	—
Pere Goriot	Honore de Balzac	√	√
Pickup, The	Nadine Gordimer	—	—
Plague, The	Albert Camus	√	√
Portrait of an Artist as a Young Man, A	James Joyce	√	√
Quiet American, The	Graham Greene	—	—
Rebecca	Daphne Du Maurier	—	√
Regeneration	Pat Barker	—	—
Robinson Crusoe	Daniel De Foe	√	—
Secret River, The	Kate Grenville	—	—
Shark Net, The	Robert Drewe	—	—
Shipping News	Annie Proulx	—	—

*Six Feet of Country	Nadine Gordimer	—	—
Slaughterhouse Five	Kurt Vonnegut	√	√
Snow Falling on Cedars	David Guterson	—	—
Sophie's World	Jostein Gardner	√	√
This Boy's Life	Tobias Wolff	—	—
Tin Drum, The	Gunter Grass	—	—
Trojan Women	Hippolytus	—	—
True History of the Kelly Gang, The	Peter Carey	—	—
Unbearable Lightness of Being in Aberystwyth, The	Malcolm Pryce	—	—
Waiting for Godot	Samuel Beckett	—	√
*War and Peace	Leo Tolstoy	—	√
White Earth, The	Andrew McGahan	—	—
White Noise	Don DeLillo	—	—
World of Strangers	Nadine Gordimer	—	—
Wuthering Heights	Emily Bronte	√	√

2. SHORT STORIES / COLLECTIONS

Decameron, The	Giovanni Boccaccio	√	—
Metamorphoses, The	Ovid	—	—
*What Men Live By and Other Tales	Leo Tolstoy	—	—

B. PANITIKAN

Aklat	MAY-AKDA		
Ang Buhok ni Ester	Aurelio Tolentino	—	—
Anim na Sabado ng Beyblade	Ferdinand P. Jarin	—	—
Anina ng mga Alon	Eugene Evasco	√	—
Banaag at Sikat	Lope K. Santos	√	√
Connect the Dots	Genaro Ruiz Gojo Cruz	—	—
Engkantado	Domingo Landicho	—	—
Ginto ang Kayumangging Lupa	Dominador B. Mirasol	—	—
Ilaw sa Hilaga	Lazaro Francisco	—	—
Janus Silang at ang Tiyanak ng Tabon	Edgar Calabia Samar	√	—
Mga Gerilya sa Powell Street	Benjamin Pimentel	—	—
Mga Ibong Mandaragit	Amando V. Hernandez	√	—
Pamilya Migrasyon Disintegrasyon	Fanny A. Garcia	—	—
Sampaguitang Walang Bango	Iñigo Ed. Regalado	√	—
Si	Bob Ong	√	—
Si Amapola sa 65 na Kabanata	Ricky Lee	—	—
Walong Diwata ng Pagkahulog	Edgar Calabia Samar	—	√

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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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