



MONTESSORI DE MANILA

Primary • Elementary • Secondary Levels

Literature and Panitikan Circular Level II – A (Grade 4)
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.

- 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 II – A (Grade 4) ENGLISH LITERATURE

TITLE	AUTHOR	CATALOGUED IN MDM LIBRARY	AVAILABLE IN BOOKSTORES
A Very Improbable Story	Edward Einhorn	x	x
Afternoon of the Elves	Janet Taylor Lisle	x	√
All Men Are Mortal	Simon de Beauvoir	x	x
Around the World in 80 Days	Jules Verne	√	√
Benigno Aquino	Sylvia Mendez Ventura	√	√
Bard of Avon: The Story of William Shakespeare	Diane Stanley and Peter Vennema	√	√
Blue Willow	Pam Conrad	√	√
Boy: Tales of Childhood	Roald Dahl	√	√
Boy Who Had 5 Lolas, The	Grace D. Chong	√	√
Carlos P. Romulo	Sylvia Mendez Ventura	√	√
Charles Dickens: The Man Who Had Great Expectations	Diane Stanley and Peter Vennema	√	√
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl	√	√
Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator	Roald Dahl	√	√
Chasing Redbird	Sharon Creech	x	x
Children of the Lamp Book 1: The Akhenaten Adventure	P.B. Kerr	x	x
Children of the Lamp Book 2: The Blue Djinn of Babylon	P.B. Kerr	x	x
Children of the Lamp Book 3: Cobra King of Kathmandu	P.B. Kerr	x	x
Children of the Lamp Book 4: The Day of the Djinn Warriors	P.B. Kerr	x	x
Cricket in Times Square, The	George Selden	x	√
Dark-Thirty, The (Newbery Honor Book)	Patricia C. Mckissack	x	x
Daughter of the Mountains	Louise Rankin	x	x
David Copperfield	Charles Dickens	√	√
Death in the Family	James Agee	x	x
Dragonwings	Laurence Yep	x	x
Ella Enchanted - Novel	Gail Carson Levine	x	√
Family under the Bridge, The	Natalie Savage Carlson	√	√
Figgs and Phantoms	Ellen Raskin	√	x
Fledgling, The	Janet Langton	x	x
Frightful Mountain	Jean Craighead George	x	x
Frindle (Winner of the Christopher Award)	Andrew Clements	√	√
Foundling, The	Lloyd Alexander	√	√
Gift, The	Gidget Rocoles Jimenez	√	x
Giraffe and the Pelly and Me	Ronald Dahl	√	√
Going Solo	Roald Dahl	√	√
Gypsy Game, The	Zylpha Keatley Snyder	x	x
Half Magic	Edward Eager	x	x
Half Moon Investigations	Eoin Colfer	x	x
Hamling Mystery, The	Nick Joaquin	√	x
Hans Brinker or the Silver Skates	Mary Mape Dodges	√	x
Hatching Magic	Dan Downer	x	x
Heart Land: Sooner or Later	Lauren Brooke	x	x
Heaven	Angela Johnson	x	x
Hellen Keller	George Sullivan	x	x
Here Today	Ann M. Martin	x	x
Hero of Mount Pinatubo, The	Julian Christian B. Patdu	√	√
Holes	Louis Sachar	√	√

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Holy Twins Benedict and Scholastica, The	Tomie dePaola	x	x
Hoot	Carl Hiasen	x	√
House of Thirty Cats, The	Mary Calhoun	√	x
Invisible Man, The	H.G. Wells	√	√
Iron Woman, The	Ted Hughes	x	x
Joey Pigza Loses Control	Jack Gantos	√	x
Jinx, the Dolphin, and the Deep Sea Mystery	E.B. Maranan	√	√
Junior Starfish and the Rainbow, The	Mirava and Alfred Yuson	√	x
Khan: A Teacher of Everything	Nikki Dy-Liacco	√	x
Librarian Who Measured the Earth, The	Kathryn Lasky	√	x
Magic Tree House Series	Mary Pope Osborne	√	√
M.C. Higgins The Great	Virginia Hamilton	x	x
Middle Moffat, The	Eleanor Estes	√	x
Mieko and the Fifth Treasure	Eleonor Coerr	√	x
Millicent Min: Girl Genius	Lisa Yee	x	x
Miss Hickory	Carolyn Sherwin Bailey	√	x
Mitch and Amy	Beverly Cleary	x	x
Mother Ignacia	Dulce Festin-Baybay	√	x
Mozart Tonight	Julie Downing	x	x
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh	Robert C. O'Brien	√	√
My Side	David Beckham/Tom Walt	x	x
Night Journey, The	Kathryn Lasky	x	x
Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens	√	√
Onion John	Joseph Krungold	√	x
Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland	Tomie dePaola	√	x
Picasso and the Girl with a Ponytail	Laurence Anholt	x	x
Pictures at an Exhibition	Anna Harwell Celenza	x	x
Pigs Might Fly	Dick King-Smith	x	x
Pistachio Prescription, The	Paula Danzinger	x	x
Rain Player	David Wisniewski	x	x
Ragweed	Avi	x	x
Rechenka's Eggs	Patricia Polacco	x	x
Robinson Crusoe	Daniel Defoe	√	x
Ruby Holler	Sharon Creech	x	x
Rules	Cynthia Lord	x	x
Saint of the Gutters, The	Didith Tan Rodrigo	√	√
Sarimanok VS. Ibong Adarna	Nick Joaquin	√	x
Sea of Stories, A (Tales from Sulu - Short Stories)	Carla M. Pacis	x	x
Secret Garden, The	Frances H. Burnett	√	√
Sir Cumference and the Isle of Immeter	Cindy Neuschwander	x	x
Skeleton Key	Anthony Horowitz	x	x
Sorcerer's Apprentice, The	Nancy Willard	x	√
Surviving the Applewhites	Stephanie Toan	x	x
Tale of Despereaux, The	Kate DiCamillo	√	x
Teodora Alonso	Ambeth R. Ocampo	√	√
Thief Lord, The	Cornelia Funke	x	x
Things Hoped for	Andrew Clements	x	x
Time Machine, The	H.G. Wells	√	√
Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson	√	√
Twits, The	Roald Dahl	√	√
Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963, The	Christopher Paul Curtis	√	√
What My Sister Remembered	Marilyn Sachs	√	x
Westing Game, The	Ellen Raskin	√	x
Witches, The	Roald Dahl	√	√

FILIPINO PANITIKAN			
TITLE	AUTHOR	CATALOGUED IN MDM LIBRARY	AVAILABLE IN BOOKSTORES
Alamat ng Bawang	Segundo D. Matias, Jr.	√	√
Alamat at Iba Pang mga Kwento	Angelita L. Aragon	√	x
Alamat ng Kawayan	Segundo D. Matias Jr.	√	√
Alamat ng Sampaguita	Segundo D. Matias, Jr.	√	√
Ambisyosong Istetoskop	Luis P. Gatmaitan, M.D.	√	√
Andres Bonifacio: Ang Dakilang Supremo ng Katipunan	Rodolfo F. Desuasido	x	x
Anong Gupit Natin Ngayon?	Russel Molina	√	x
Anting-Anting	Christine S. Bellen	√	√
Ating mga Ninuno, Ang: Pagbalikan ang Simula ng Lipunang Pilipino	Rene O. Villanueva	√	x
Bakit Hindi Naka-lipistik si Nanay? (Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature)	Grace D. Chong / Luis P. Gatmaitan, MD	√	√
Bandilang Pilipino: Sagisag ng Kalayaan	Rene O. Villanueva at Damian Santiago	√	x
Burnay, ang Batang Palayok	Augie Rivera	√	x
Diwayen, Noong bago Dumating ang mga Espanyol, Si	Augie Rivera	√	√
Hanapin ang Bituin	Grace D. Chong	√	x
Hinarang si Ian ng Dambuhalang Puno	Grace D. Chong	x	x
Jose Rizal: Dakilang Dangal ng Lahi	Mike L. Bigornia	√	x
Kabayo ng Troya, Ang (The Trojan Horse)	Peggy Manuel	√	x
Kala-kalahati	Grace D. Chong	√	x
Kumot ni Dora, Ang	Renato C. Vibiesca	√	√
Kwentong-Bayan Mula sa Asya para sa mga Bata sa Lahat ng Dako Aklat 5	Virgilio S. Almario	√	x

Kuwento tungkol sa Kalapati, Ang	Avril Rowlands	√	×
Lihim ng Nawawalang Yaman	Grace D. Chong	√	×
Limang Lola sa Barko	Grace D. Chong	√	×
Loro ni Teo, Ang	Grace D. Chong	√	√
Mabahong Prutas, Ang	Mary Ann Ordinario- Floresta	√	×
Mother Ignacia	Dulce Festin-Baybay	√	√
Nang Maghasik ng Lagim si Lolit Lamok	Luis P. Gatmaitan, M.D.	√	√
Pabulang Pilipino para sa Mababang			
Paaralan, Mga	Lydia B. Liwanag	√	×
Paglalakbay ni Butirik, Ang (3 rd Prize			
Don Carlos Palanca 1992-1993)	A.C. Balmes	√	×
Pakikipagsapalaran ni Pilandok, Mga			
(Grand Prize Category B 1985			
PBBY Illustrators Prize)	Wystan A. Dimalanta	×	×
Pilantod, Si: Ang Asong Tatlo ang Tuhod	Yolanda Guevarra-Dolor	√	√
Punong Umiiyak, Ang mga	Mary Ann Ordinario-Floresta	√	×
Riles sa Tiyan ni Tatay, Ang (The Tracks on			
My Father's Tummy)	Eugene Evasco	√	√
Sikretong Rekado, Ang	Grace D. Chong	√	√
Soliman: Unang Bayani ng Maynila	Rene O. Villanueva	√	×
Salot, ang Lumba-lumba, ang Hiwaga sa Laot,			
Ang	E.B. Maranan	√	×
Sultan Kudarat: Ang Bayaning Hindi Sumuko	Sergio Custodio, Jr. at		
sa mga Espanyol	Roberto Alonzo	√	×
Tuta ni Noe, Ang	Virgilio S. Almario	×	×
Ukkk! Di Ko Malunok ang Tableta!	Luis P. Gaitmaitan, M.D.	√	×
Unang Barangay: Ang Pamumuhay ng mga			
Pilipino Bago Dumating ang mga Espanyol,			
Ang	Rene O. Villanueva	√	×
Yakkk, Bulutong-Tubig!	Luis P. Gaitmaitan, M.D.	√	×

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:

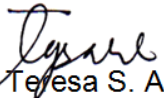
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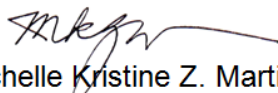
Library books for leisure reading will be posted on the school website at www.montessoridemanila.edu.ph. Student borrowers may borrow two (2) books at a time, good for 5 days. Books will be disinfected prior to pick-up and after return.

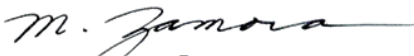
Dejanos leer! (Let's read!)

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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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