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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 essays and poems is also provided as a recommended listing for leisure reading.

<b>A. ENGLISH LITERATURE</b>			
<b>1. NOVELS</b>	<b>AUTHORS</b>	<b>CATALOGUED IN MDM LIBRARY</b>	<b>AVAILABLE IN BOOKSTORES</b>
*All the Conspirators	Carlos Bulosan	—	—
American Son	Brian Ascalon Roley	—	—
Anpao	Jamake Highwater	√	—
Art of Keeping Cool, The (Winner of the Scott O’Dell Award)	Janet Taylor Lisle	√	—
Avalon High	Meg Cabot	√	—
*Bamboo in the Wind	Azucena Grajo Uranza	√	—
Before Midnight	Cameron Dokey	√	—
Before We Were Free (Pura Belpré Award)	Julia Alvarez	√	—
Biblelepsy	Gina Apostol	—	—
Black Arrow, The	Robert Louis Stevenson	√	—
Black Elk Speaks	John Neihardt	—	—
Blade of Fern, A	Edith L. Tiempo	—	—
Blithe Spirit	Noel Coward	—	—
Book of the Lion, The	Michael Cadnum	√	—
Brain Blitz Book 5	J. Ramon S. Lorenzo	—	—
Brother, My Brother	Bienvenido N. Santos	√	—
Cave and Shadows	Nick Joaquin	√	—
Charley Skeddaddle	Patricia Beatty	√	—
*Child of Sorrow, A	Zoilo Galang	—	—
Childhood’s End	Arthur C. Clarke	—	—
Children’s Story, The	James Clavell	—	—
Chocolate War, The	Robert Cormier	—	√
Christmas Books, The	Charles Dickens	√	—
Collected Poems	S. Spencer	—	—
Crimson Thread, The	Suzanne Weyn	√	—
Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, The	Mark Haddon	√	√
Days of Disquiet, Nights of Rage	Jose F. Lacaba	—	√
Deerslayers, The	James Fenimore Cooper	—	—
Define Normal	Julie Anne Peters	√	—
Diary of Anne Frank, The	Anne Frank	√	√
Dog Eaters	Jessica Hagedorn	√	√
Don Juan	George Gordon Byron	—	—
Eating Fire and Drinking Water	Arlene Chai	√	—

*Empire of Memory	Eric Gamalinda	√	—
Feast of the Innocents	Azucena Grajo Uranza	—	—
Five People You Meet in Heaven	Mitch Albom	—	√
Flowering Judas	Katherine Anne Porter	—	—
For One More Day	Mitch Albom	√	√
Golden Fleece, The	Padraic Colum	√	—
*Greatest Salesman of the World, The	Og Mandino	√	√
*Grey King, The (A Newbery Honor Book)	Susan Cooper	√	—
*Hand of the Enemy, The	Kerima Polotan-Tuvera	—	—
Hard Love	Ellen Wittlinger	√	—
Have a Little Faith	Mitch Albom	√	√
His Native Coast	Edith L. Tiempo	√	—
Home We Remember, The	S.V. Epistola	√	—
House Divided, A	Elizabeth Massie	√	—
How to Be Popular (A Novel)	Meg Cabot	√	—
Hurry Home, Candy (Newbery Honor)	Meindert Dejong	√	—
I Am the Cheese	Robert Cormier	—	—
*Inkheart	Cornelia Funke	—	—
Inkspell	Cornelia Funke	√	√
Invincible Louisa	Cornelia Meigs	√	—
Journey to the River Sea	Eva Ibbotson	√	—
Ka Gaby, Nom de Guerre	Paul Lim	—	—
Kira-Kira	Cynthia Kadohata	√	—
Man and the Pretenders, The	F. Sionil Jose	—	—
Man Who (Thought He) Looked	Bienvenido N. Santos	√	—
Manila I Knew, The	Amadis Ma. Guerrero	—	—
Maze Runner Trilogy, The	James Dashner	√	√
Memories of Moments with My Father	Priscilla R. Teodoro	√	—
Monsters in the Hollows	Andrew Peterson	—	—
My Brother, My Executioner	F. Sionil Jose	√	—
My Heartbeat	Garret Freymann-Weyr	√	—
No Promises in the Wind	Irene Hunt	√	—
Passing Season, A	Azucena Grajo Uranza	√	—
Petals in the Ashes	Mary Hooper	√	—
Po-on	F. Sionil Jose	√	—
Praying Man, The	Bienvenido N. Santos	√	—
Pretenders, The	F. Sionil Jose	√	—
Ring of McAllister, The	Robert Marantz	—	—
Road from Home, The	David Kherdian	√	—
Rose Bride, The	Nancy Holder	√	—
Rumble Fish	S.E. Hinton	—	—
*Samsons, The	F. Sionil Jose	√	—
Season of Grace, A	N.V.M. Gonzalez	√	—
Shades of Gray	Carolyn Reeder	—	—
Ship Breaker	Paolo Bacigalupi	√	—
Sophie's World	Jostein Gaarder	√	√
Speak	Laurie Halse Anderson	√	—
Swiss Family Robinson, The	Johann David	√	—
Thief Lord, The	Cornelia Funke	√	—
Things a Brother Knows, The	Dana Reinhardt	—	—
Three Filipino Women	F. Sionil Jose	√	—
To Be Free	Edilberto K. Tiempo	√	—
Tree	F. Sionil Jose	√	—
Tree Grows in Brooklyn, A	Betty Smith	√	—

True Confessions of Charlotte	Avi Dayle	√	—
Tuesdays with Morrie	Mitch Albom	√	√
Viajero	F. Sionil Jose	√	—
*Volcano, The	Bienvenido N. Santos	√	—
Walk Two Moon	Sharon Creech	√	—
Wanderer, The	Sharon Creech	—	√
Winds of April, The	N.V.M. Gonzalez	√	—
Witch Child	Celia Rees	—	—
*Without Seeing the Dawn	Stevan Javellana	√	—
Woman Who Had Two Navels, The	Nick Joaquin	√	√
World Without Heroes, A	Brandon Mull	√	—
Year of No Rain	Alice Mead	—	—
You Lovely People	Bienvenido N. Santos	√	—
<b>2. SHORT STORIES/COLLECTIONS</b>			
*The 1980s Short Story: Anthology of Winning Works, An (Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature)	Sylvia Palanca-Quirino	—	—
*Best Philippine Short Stories of the Twentieth Century, The (An Anthology of Fiction in English)	Isagani R. Cruz	—	—
Catch a Falling Star	Cristina Pantoja Hidalgo	—	—
Day the Dancers Came, The	Bienvenido N. Santos	√	—
Eight Stories	Alfred A. Yuson	—	—
Hilarious Works of Nestor D., The	Antonio A. Hidalgo	—	—
*Likhaan Book of Poetry and Fiction (1999)	Ricardo M. De Ungria and Jose Y. Dalisay, Jr.	—	—
Olvidad and Other Stories	F. Sionil Jose	√	—
*Puppy Love and Thirteen Short Stories	F. Sionil Jose	√	—
*Tribute: An Anthology of Contemporary Philippine Fiction	Timothy R. Montes and Cesar Ruiz Aquino	—	—
*Waywaya and Other Short Stories from the Philippines	F. Sionil Jose	√	—
White Turtle	Merlinda Bobis	—	—
<b>3. ESSAYS</b>			
101 Stories of the Philippine Revolution	Ambeth R. Ocampo	—	—
Aguinaldo's Breakfast	Ambeth R. Ocampo	√	—
Bloom and Memory: Essays on Literature, Culture and Society	Jose Wendell R. Capili	—	—
Bonifacio's Bolo	Ambeth R. Ocampo	√	—
Filipino Novel in English into the Twenty-First Century, The	Cristina Pantoja Hidalgo	—	—
Filipino Novel in English: A Critical History, The	Abdul Majid Naki Baksh	—	—
Looking Back 2: Dirty Dancing	Ambeth R. Ocampo	√	√
Luna's Moustache	Ambeth R. Ocampo	—	—
Mabini's Ghost	Ambeth R. Ocampo	√	—
Makamisa: The Search for Rizal's Third Novel	Ambeth R. Ocampo	√	—
Meaning and History : The Rizal Lectures	Ambeth R. Ocampo	√	√
Rizal Without the Overcoat	Ambeth R. Ocampo	√	√
Talking History : Conversations with Teodoro A. Agoncillo	Ambeth R. Ocampo	—	—
Teodora Alonso	Ambeth R. Ocampo	—	—
Work on the Mountain	N.V.M. Gonzales	—	—
<b>4. POEMS</b>			
Ballad of a Mother's Heart	Jose La Villa Tierra	—	—
Be Beautiful, Noble, Like an Antique Ant	Jose Garcia Villa	—	—
I Am Proud to Be a Filipino	Toribio Maño	—	—
I Teach My Child	Gemino Henson Abad	—	—

Love of the Country	Andres Bonifacio	—	—
Motherland, The (an excerpt)	Emilio Jacinto	—	—
<b>B. PANITIKAN</b>			
<b>AKLAT</b>	<b>MAY-AKDA</b>		
Ako'y Pilipina	Anaclea R. Villacorte Agoncillo	—	—
Ang Gintong Habihan	Tahanan Books for Young Readers	√	—
Canal dela Reina	Liwayway Arceo	√	—
Gapo	Lualhati Bautista	√	√
Huling Himagsik	B.S. Medina, Jr.	—	—
Ina at Ibang Katha	Domingo Landicho	√	—
Lupang Tinubuan	Joaquin Sy	—	—
Maganda Pa ang Daigdig	Lazaro Francisco	√	√
Maningning na Pag-ibig	Gloria Villaraza Guzman	√	—
Mga Gunita	Genoveva Edroza-Matute	√	—
Mga Kwento ng Pag-ibig	Liwayway O. Arceo	—	—
Monghita	Faustino J. Galauran	√	—
Moog	B.S. Medina, Jr.	—	—
Pusong Walang Pag-ibig	Roman Reyes	√	√
Sila	Liwayway O. Arceo	—	—
Timawa	A.C. Fabian	√	—
Titser	Liwayway O. Arceo	√	—

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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.

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*"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."*

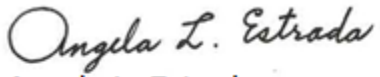
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Leggiamo! (Let's read!)

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