



# MONTESSORI DE MANILA

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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 poems and plays 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>
Alchemist, The	Paulo Coelho	√	√
Amistad	Alexs D. Pate	—	—
*Anna Karenina	Leo Tolstoy	√	√
*Awakening, The	Kate Chopin	√	—
Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress	Dai Sijie	√	—
Band of Brothers	Steven Ambrose	—	—
Banner in the Sky	James Ramsey Ullman	√	—
Bar Code Rebellion, The	Suzanne Weyn	—	—
Blindness	Jose Saramago	√	—
Bluesman	Andre Dubus III	√	—
Bluest Eyes, The	Toni Morrison	—	√
Book Thief, The	Markus Zusak	√	√
Brothers Karamazov, The	Fyodor Dostoyevsky	—	√
Club Dumas, The	Arturo Perez-Reverte	√	—
Color Purple, The	Alice Walker	√	√
Colors of the Mountain	Da Chen	√	—
Confessions of a Lapsed Standard Bearer	Andrei Makine	—	—
*Count of Monte Cristo, The	Alexandre Dumas	—	√
*Crime and Punishment	Fyodor Dostoyevsky	√	√
*Death of Ivan Ilych, The	Leo Tolstoy	—	—
Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant	Anne Tyler	—	—
Don Quixote and the Windmills	Miguel de Cervantes	—	√
Eva Luna	Isabel Allende	—	√
Face of Another, The	Kobo Abe	√	—
Fahrenheit 451	Ray Bradbury	√	√
Fathers and Sons	Ivan Turgenev	—	—
Gift of Acabar, The	Og Mandino	√	—
Grendel	John Gardner	—	—
Habibi	Naomi Shibab Nye	√	—
Heart Is a Lonely Hunter, The	Carson McCullers	—	—
Heart of Darkness, The	Joseph Conrad	√	√
House of Jacob	E. Vallado DaRoy	—	—
House of Scorpion, The	Nancy Farmer	√	√
House of Spirits	Isabel Allende	√	√

*Hunchback of Notre Dame, The	Victor Hugo	√	—
Idiot, The	Fyodor Dostoyevsky	√	√
Illusion	Richard Bach	—	—
Illustrado	Miguel Syjuco	—	√
Independence Day	Richard Ford	√	—
Into Thin Air	Jon Krakauer	—	—
Jonathan Livingston Seagull	Richard Bach	√	—
*Jude the Obscure	Thomas Hardy	—	—
Les Misérables	Victor Hugo	√	√
Lost Diary of Rizal, The	Scy Sze	—	—
Lovely Bones, The	Alice Sebold	—	√
*Madame Bovary	Gustave Flaubert	√	√
*Man in the Iron Mask, The	Alexandre Dumas	√	—
Mr. Spaceman	Robert Olen Butler	√	—
Ocean Sea	Alessandro Baricco	—	—
Odyssey, The	Homer (Translated by W.H.D. Rouse )	√	√
*One Hundred Years of Solitude	Gabriel G. Marquez	√	—
Passage to India	E.M. Forster	—	—
Pilgrimage, The	Paulo Coelho	√	√
Pilgrim's Progress, The	John Bunyan	√	—
Portrait of an Artist as a Young Man, A	James Joyce	√	√
Prince	Ib Michael	√	—
Remembering the Good Times	Richard Peck	—	—
Roman Fever	Edith Wharton	—	—
Ropemaker, The	Peter Dickinson	√	—
Siddhartha	Herman Hesse	√	√
*Snow Country	Yasunari Kawabata	—	—
Sound and the Fury, The	William Faulkner	—	—
Stones Cry Out, The	Hikaru Okuizumi	√	—
Sula	Toni Morrison	—	—
*Sun Also Rises, The	Ernest Hemingway	√	—
*Tale of Genji	Lady Murasaki Shikibu	√	√
*Tess of the Urbervilles	Thomas Hardy	√	—
That Was When, This Is Now	S.E. Hinton	—	—
Three Deaths	Leo Tolstoy	—	—
To the Lighthouse	Virginia Woolf	—	—
Tom Jones, (The History of)	Henry Fielding	√	—
*Ulysses	James Joyce	√	—
Vanity Fair	William Thackeray	√	—
Weep Not, Child	Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'ó	—	—
Wings of the Dove	Henry James	—	—
<b>2. SHORT STORIES / COLLECTIONS</b>			
*A and P	John Updike	—	—
*Adios, Cordera!	Leopoldo Alas	—	—
*Chrysanthemums, The	John Steinbeck	—	—
*Clean, Well-lighted Place, A	Ernest Hemingway	—	—
*Country Doctor, A	Franz Kafka	—	—
*Creole Democracy	Rufino Blanco Fombona	—	—
*Decameron, The	Giovanni Boccaccio	√	—
*Eveline	James Joyce	—	—

*Everyday Use	Alice Walker	—	—
Hungry Artist, A	Franz Kafka	—	—
Loss and the Healing, The	Sigrid Undset	—	—
*Lottery Ticket, The	Anton Chekhov	—	—
*Love and Bread	August Strindberg	—	—
Man Who Walked through Walls, The	Marcel Aymé	—	—
*Metamorphosis, The	Franz Kafka	—	√
*Rose for Emily, A	William Faulkner	—	—
*Secret Lion, The	Alberto Alvaro Rios	—	—
*Silence	Tadeusz Borowski	—	—
*Smith Who Could Not Get into Hell, The	Peter Asbjornsen	—	—
*Story of an Hour, The	Kate Chopin	—	—
*Teenage Wasteland	Anne Tyler	—	—
*Two Kinds	Amy Tan	—	—
*Very Old Man with Enormous Wings	Gabriel Garcia Marquez	—	—
*Waiting	Ha-jin	—	—
Wall, The	Jean-Paul Sartre	—	—
<b>3. POEMS</b>			
Charge of the Light Brigade	Alfred Tennyson	—	—
Collected Poems	W.H. Auden	—	—
*Poetical Works of Shelley, The	Percy Bysshe Shelley	—	—
Poetical Works of Wordsworth	William Wordsworth	—	—
*Selected Poems of Thomas Hardy	Thomas Hardy	—	—
Waste Land, The	T.S. Eliot	—	—
<b>4. PLAYS / DRAMAS</b>			
*Cherry Orchard, The	Anton Chekhov	—	—
Desire Under the Elms	Eugene O'Neil	—	—
Four Major Plays: Volume 1			
*A Doll's House	Henrik Ibsen	—	—
The Wild Duck	Henrik Ibsen	—	—
Hedda Gabler	Henrik Ibsen	—	—
The Master Builder	Henrik Ibsen	—	—
Ghost Sonata	August Strindberg	—	—
Othello	William Shakespeare	—	√
Tartuffe	Molière	—	—
<b>B. PANITIKAN</b>			
<b>Aklat</b>	<b>MAY-AKDA</b>		
Babaeng Misteryosa	Benjamin Pascual	√	√
Madaling Araw	Iñigo Ed. Regalado	√	—
Mag-inang Mahirap	Valeriano H. Pena	—	—
Mapangaraping Kagandahan	Ceres S.C. Alabado	√	—
Mga Lihim ng Daigdig	Gloria Villaraza Guzman	√	—
Pinaglahuan	Faustino Aguilar	√	—
Sa Kagubatan ng Isang Lungsod	Abdon M. Balde, Jr.	—	—
Sibol sa mga Guho	Ave Perez Jacob	√	—
Sugat ng Alaala	Teresita Manaloto-Magnaye	—	—

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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.

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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."*

John Green, American author, vlogger, writer, producer, actor, and editor

Leggiamo! (Let's read!)



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