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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>
*1984	George Orwell	√	√
*Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, The	Mark Twain	√	√
*After the Rain	Norma Fox Maze	—	—
*Age of Innocence, The	Edith Wharton	√	—
American Tragedy, An	Theodore Dreiser	—	—
*Arthur Trilogy, The	Kevin Crossley-Holland		
Book One : The Seeing Stone		√	—
Book Two: At the Crossing Places		√	—
Book Three: King of the Middle March		√	—
Assistant, The	Bernard Malamud	—	—
Bar Code Tattoo, The	Suzanne Weyn	—	—
Bear, The	William Faulkner	—	—
Before I Fall	Lauren Oliver	√	√
Beloved	Toni Morrison	√	√
Brave New World	Huxley	—	√
Burmese Days	George Orwell	√	—
*Catch-22	Joseph Heller	—	√
*Catcher in the Rye	J.D. Salinger	√	√
Christ Commission, The	Og Mandino	√	—
*David Copperfield	Charles Dickens	√	—
*Emma	Jane Austen	√	√
Eveline	James Joyce	—	—
Exposure	Mal Peet	—	—
*Far from the Madding Crowd	Thomas Hardy	√	—
*Farewell to Arms, A	Ernest Hemingway	√	—
Fat Kid Rules the World	K. L. Going	√	—
Final Hour, The	Andrew Klavan	—	—
Flight	John Steinbeck	—	—
For Whom the Bell Tolls	Ernest Hemingway	√	—
*French Lieutenant’s Woman, The	John Fowles	—	—
Gone with the Wind	Margaret Mitchell	√	—
Good Man Is Hard to Find, A and Other Stories	Flannery O’Connor	—	√

Goodnight, Mr. Tom	Michelle Magorian	—	—
*Grapes of Wrath, The	John Steinbeck	√	—
*Great Gatsby, The	F. Scott Fitzgerald	√	√
*Hard Times	Charles Dickens	√	√
Help, The	Kathryn Stockett	√	√
Hollow Men, The	T.S. Eliot	—	—
Horse Whisperer, The	Nicholas Evans	√	—
Hound of the Baskervilles	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	√	—
Hour of Letdown, The	E.B. White	—	—
House Made of Dawn	N. Scott Momaday	—	—
House of Mirth, The	Edith Wharton	√	—
House on Mango Street, The	Sandra Cisneros	√	√
How to Make an American Quilt	Whitney Otto	√	—
I Am Number Four	Pittacus Lore	√	√
I Heard the Owl Call My Name	Margaret Craven	—	—
Importance of Being Earnest, The	Oscar Wilde	—	√
In Another Country	Ernest Hemingway	—	—
*In Our Time	Ernest Hemingway	—	—
In the Region of Ice	Joyce Carol Oates	—	—
Invisible Man	Ralph Ellison	√	—
*Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	√	√
Killers, The	Ernest Hemingway	—	—
Kim	Rudyard Kipling	√	—
King of the Bingo Game	Ralph Ellison	—	—
Kingdom of the Golden Dragons	Isabel Allende	—	—
*Le Morte d'Arthur	Thomas Malory	√	—
*Light in August, The	William Faulkner	—	—
Lord Jim	Joseph Conrad	√	—
Lord of the Flies	William Golding	√	√
*Lord of the Rings, The	J.R.R Tolkien		
a. The Fellowship of the Ring		√	—
b. The Two Towers		√	√
c. The Return of the King		√	—
*Magic Barrel, The	Bernard Malamud	—	—
*Man Who Would Be King, The	Rudyard Kipling	—	—
Markheim	Robert Louis Stevenson	—	—
Martian Chronicles, The	Ray Bradbury	—	—
Martyred	Richard Kim	—	—
Mayor of Casterbridge, The	Thomas Hardy	√	—
Mill on the Floss, The	George Eliot	√	—
Minister's Black Veil, The	Nathaniel Hawthorne	—	—
Moll Flanders	Daniel Defoe	√	—
Moonstone, The	Wilkie Collins	—	—
Native Son	Richard Wright	—	—
Novels, 1920-1925: One Man's Invitation :1917, Three Soldiers, Manhattan Transfer	John Dos Passos	—	—
Old School	Tobias Wolff	—	—
Old Wive's Tale, The	Arnold Bennett	—	—
*Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens	—	√
On the Road	Langston Hughes	—	—
Once and Future King, The	T.H. White	√	√
*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest	Ken Kesey	—	√

Outsiders, The	S.E. Hinton	√	√
Ox-bow Incident	Walter Van Tilburg Clark	—	—
Paper Covers Rock	Jenny Hubbard	—	—
Pearl, The	John Steinbeck	√	—
*Pearl Harbor	Nancy Holder	√	—
*Persuasion	Jane Austen	√	—
*Pickwick Papers, The	Charles Dickens	√	—
*Picture of Dorian Gray, The	Oscar Wilde	√	√
Power and the Glory, The	Graham Greene	—	—
*Pride and Prejudice	Jane Austen	√	√
*Return of the Native, The	Thomas Hardy	—	—
River Boy (1998 Carnegie Medal Winner)	Tim Browler	√	—
Rocking Horse Winner, The	D.H. Lawrence	—	—
*Roots	Alex Hailey	—	—
Samurai Shortstop	Alan Gratz	—	—
*Scarlet Letter, The	Nathaniel Hawthorne	√	—
Scarlet Pimpernel, The	Baroness Oreyz	√	—
Scary Beautiful	Niki Burnham	—	—
Sea Wolf, The	Jack London	—	—
Separate Peace, A	John Knowles	√	—
*Short Happy Life of Francis	Ernest Hemingway	—	—
Sisters, The	Nancy Jensen	—	—
Song of Solomon	Toni Morrison	—	—
*Sons and Lovers	D.H. Lawrence	√	—
Star of Kazan, The	Eva Ibbotson	√	—
Sterling Biographies The Roman Mysteries Series	Caroline Lawrence	—	—
*Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, The	Robert Louis Stevenson	—	—
*Tale of Two Cities	Charles Dickens	√	√
*Their Eyes Were Watching God	Zora Neale Hurston	—	—
To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee	√	√
Tristram Shandy	Laurence Sterne	—	—
Victory	Joseph Conrad	√	—
Walk Gently this Good Earth	Margaret Craven	—	—
War of the Worlds, The	H.G. Wells	√	—
Way of All Flesh, The	Samuel Butler	—	—
What I Saw and How I Lied	Judy Blundell	—	—
White Darkness, The	Geraldine McCaughrean	√	—
Winesburg, Ohio	Sherwood Anderson	√	—
Woman in White, The	Wilkie Collins	√	—
Women of Brewster Place, The	Gloria Naylor	—	—
Wuthering Heights	Emily Brontë	√	√

## **2. SHORT STORIES / COLLECTIONS**

*Araby –(PRISM)	James Joyce	—	—
Astronomer, The	John Updike	—	—
*Cask of Amontillado, The	Edgar Allan Poe	—	—
Complete Stories, The	Flannery O' Connor	—	√
Devil and Daniel Webster, The	Stephen Vincent Benet	—	—
Enormous Radio, The	John Cheever	—	—
Everything that Rises Must Converge	Flannery O'Connor	—	—
Harrison Bergeron	Kurt Vonnegut	—	—
Lottery, The	Shirley Jackson	—	—

Mask of the Red Death, The	Edgar Allan Poe	—	—
Secret Life of Walter Mitty, The	James Thurber	—	—
*Sherlock Holmes: The Complete Novels and Stories	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	√	√
Veil, The	Nathaniel Hawthorne	—	—
Worn Path, A	Eudora Welty	—	—
*Young Goodman Brown, The	Nathaniel Hawthorne	—	—
<b>3. POEMS / COLLECTIONS</b>			
Complete Poems of Gerard Manley Hopkins, The	Gerard Manley Hopkins	—	—
Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock, The	T.S. Eliot	—	—
*Ode on a Grecian Urn	John Keats	—	—
Poems of A. E. Houseman	A. E. Houseman	—	—
Poems of Dylan Thomas, The	Thomas Dylan	—	—
*Poetical Works of Elizabeth Barret Browning, The	Elizabeth Barret Browning	—	—
Poetry of Robert Burns, The	Robert Burns	—	—
Rime of the Ancient Mariner, The	Samuel Taylor Coleridge	—	—
Robert Browning's Poetry: Authoritative Texts, Criticism	Robert Browning	—	—
Second Coming, The	William Butler Yeats	—	—
<b>4. PLAYS / DRAMAS</b>			
Androcles and the Lion	George Bernard Shaw	—	—
Arms and the Man	George Bernard Shaw	—	—
Caesar and Cleopatra	George Bernard Shaw	—	—
Cocktail Party, The	T.S. Eliot	—	—
*Doctor Faustus	Christopher Marlowe	—	—
Family Reunion, The	T.S. Eliot	—	—
Hay Fever	Noel Coward	—	—
*Julius Caesar	Shakespeare	—	√
Lazarus Child, The	Robert Mawson	√	—
*Macbeth	Shakespeare	√	√
Major Barbara	George Bernard Shaw	—	—
Man for All Seasons, A	Robert Bolt	—	—
Merchant of Venice, The	Shakespeare	√	√
Miracle Worker, The	William Gibson	—	—
Murder in the Cathedral	T.S. Eliot	—	—
Ordinary People	Judith Guest	—	—
Private Lives	Noel Coward	—	—
Pygmalion	George Bernard Shaw	√	—
Saint Joan	George Bernard Shaw	—	—
School for Scandal, The	Richard B. Sheridan	—	—
Under Milkwood: A Play for Voices	Dylan Thomas	—	—
Way of the World, The	William Congreve	—	—
<b>5. ARTICLES / SPEECHES / ESSAYS / OTHERS</b>			
*Autobiography and Other Writings	Benjamin Franklin	√	√
Blood, Toil, Tears and Sweat	Winston Churchill	—	√
Exodus	James Baldwin	—	—
From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste	Winston Churchill	—	—
Grave, The	Katherine Anne Porter	—	—
*Hiroshima	John Hersey	—	—
Modest Proposal, A	Jonathan Swift	—	—
When the Legends Die	Hal Borland	—	—

<b>B. PANITIKAN</b>			
<b>Aklat</b>	<b>MAY-AKDA</b>		
50 Kwentong Ginto ng 50 Batikang Kwentista	Pedrito Reyes	√	—
Ama	Lazaro Francisco	√	—
Anak ng Lupa	Domingo Landicho	√	—
Ang Bukang Liwayway sa Aking Inang Bayan	Carlos J. Etivac	—	—
Ang Kapalaran	Zoilo Galang	—	—
Anino ng Kahapon	Francisco Lacsamana	√	—
Daluyong	Lazaro Francisco	√	√
Dekada '70	Lualhati Bautista	√	√
Dugo sa Bukang Liwayway	Rogelio Sicat	√	—
Isang Babae sa Panahon ng Pagbabangon	Efren Abueg	—	—
Lalaki sa Dilim	Benjamin Pascual	√	—
Walong Kwentong Pag-ibig	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."*

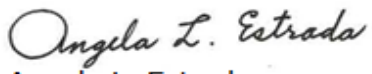
John Green, American author, vlogger, writer, producer, actor, and editor



Leggiamo! (Let's read!)

English and Filipino Class Directresses

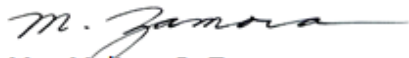
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