

Odyssey Summer Reading List & Lexile Chart

Rising Kindergarten – Rising 1st Grade (Read-Aloud Permitted)

Character & Foundational Stories

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie – Laura Numeroff (AD390L)
Frog and Toad Are Friends – Arnold Lobel (400L)
Blueberries for Sal – Robert McCloskey (AD630L)
Mermaid Meg and the Magic Lagoon – Leslie Maloney

America & Symbols

F is for Flag – Wendy Cheyette Lewison (AD480L)
We the Kids: The Preamble to the Constitution – David Catrow (AD600L)
Red, White, and Blue: The Story of the American Flag – John Herman (AD650L)

Rising 2nd – Rising 3rd Grade

Deep Reads

The Hundred Dresses – Eleanor Estes (520L)
Stone Fox – John Reynolds Gardiner (610L)
Charlotte’s Web – E.B. White (680L)

Classical Literature

Sarah, Plain and Tall – Patricia MacLachlan (560L)
The Wind in the Willows (Abridged) – Kenneth Grahame (~660L)

American Heritage

I Survived the American Revolution, 1776 – Lauren Tarshis (600L)
What Is the Declaration of Independence? – Michael C. Harris (880L)

Rising 4th Grade

Deep Reads

The Westing Game – Ellen Raskin (750L)
The Sign of the Beaver – Elizabeth George Speare (760L)
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH – Robert C. O’Brien (790L)

Classical Literature

The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson Burnett (930L)
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – C.S. Lewis (940L)

American Heritage

Johnny Tremain – Esther Forbes (840L)
Carry On, Mr. Bowditch – Jean Lee Latham (890L)

Rising 5th Grade

Mandatory for All Rising 5th Graders

Tales from the Odyssey, Part 1 – Mary Pope Osborne (810L)

Deep Reads

A Wrinkle in Time – Madeleine L’Engle (740L)

Redwall – Brian Jacques (800L)

The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien (1000L)

Hatchet – Gary Paulsen (1020L)

Classical Literature

Prince Caspian – C.S. Lewis (870L)

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer – Mark Twain (950L)

American Heritage

Who Was Frederick Douglass? – April Jones Prince (910L)

The Declaration of Independence: The Words That Made America – Sam Fink (~1000L)

Rising 6th Grade

Deep Reads

The Witch of Blackbird Pond – Elizabeth George Speare (960L)

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Mildred D. Taylor (920L)

Island of the Blue Dolphins – Scott O’Dell (1000L)

Classical Literature

The Odyssey (Approved Young Readers Adaptation) – Homer (~1000–1100L)

Around the World in 80 Days – Jules Verne (~990L)

American Heritage

Across Five Aprils – Irene Hunt (970L)

Rifles for Watie – Harold Keith (990L)

What Is a Lexile?

A Lexile level measures how challenging a book's text is based on vocabulary and sentence complexity. Within each section, titles are listed from lower to higher Lexile levels to help families choose a book that is both comfortable and appropriately challenging.

Recommended Lexile Ranges by Grade Level

Grade Level	Recommended Lexile Range
Kindergarten	BR–200L
1st Grade	190L–530L
2nd Grade	420L–650L
3rd Grade	520L–820L
4th Grade	740L–940L
5th Grade	830L–1010L
6th Grade	925L–1070L

Important Note: Students may read above or below these ranges and select books from different grade levels based on individual readiness and parent or teacher recommendation.