

Summer Reading List for Vineyard Christian School: Grades K-5

As the school year comes to a close, we want to encourage our students to continue their reading journey over the summer break. To foster bilingual literacy, we are providing a list of recommended books in both English and Spanish for students going into second grade and up to choose from. The students going into 1st grade will only have the Spanish books to choose from.

Your child will need to select one book from each list to read during the summer. There are no special projects or assignments associated with the summer reading, but students will be required to take a comprehension test on their chosen books during the third week of school.

Grade 1:

1. **"El dragón que no tenía fuego" by Maria Grau-** Once upon a time there was a little dragon named Pascual who was sad because he couldn't breathe fire. Until one day he became friends with some children from the city of Olot and he had an idea: there were volcanoes there, and volcanoes have fire. Maybe he could go down and look for it...

2. **"El carnaval de mi bisabuela" by Joana Pastro-** It's time for Carnival and Clara cannot wait to celebrate her favorite holiday with family, but especially with her great-grandmother. Even if Bisa can't attend, Clara knows the Carnival parade will still be special.

Costumed lovingly by their bisa, everyone takes to the street for the annual parade. But even among all the colors, costumes, music, and dancing, something is missing... or is it someone?

Grade 2:

English Book Options

1. **"Charlotte's Web" by E.B. White** - A heartwarming story about friendship, sacrifice, and the beauty of life, with themes of love and redemption.

2. **"The Hundred Dresses" by Eleanor Estes** - A story about kindness and empathy, illustrating the importance of treating others with love and respect.

3. "The Courage of Sarah Noble" by Alice Dalgliesh - A historical novel about a young girl's bravery and friendship with Native Americans in colonial America.

Spanish Book Options

1. "Dragones y Tacos" by Adam Rubin - Everyone knows that there is only one thing that dragons like more than parties and tacos and it is a party of tacos. But there are some details to keep in mind if you give a party of tacos: dragons love chicken tacos, meat tacos, giant tacos and little ones. To decide how many tacos you will need for the party, fill a boat with tacos and that will be the right amount. But keep in mind that there should not be any hot sauce, because otherwise the thing is really on fire!

2. "Serafina Vuela" by Alma Hammond - Help your children understand that they can realize all the things that shyness is holding them back from, by taking small steps every day. At the same time, kids learn about animals and places of southern Spain: Eurasian Eagle Owls, Donkeys, Flamenco Dancing, European Turtle doves, The Alhambra Palace, Iberian White Storks, The Granada Cathedral, The Rock of Gibraltar, and Barbary Macaque Monkeys. Serafina is a Eurasian Eagle owl - one of the largest birds in the world. However, she is very shy; One day the sound of music encourages her to take a flight from her cozy den. This one flight makes her want more...and soon she is discovering magical wonders of her native southern Spain she had never known. Serafina Soarsis sure to captivate young nature lovers and inspire shy children to take flight themselves.

Grade 3:

English Book Options

1. "Little House on the Prairie" series by Laura Ingalls Wilder - A beloved series of books that follow the adventures of the Ingalls family as they journey westward and build a life on the frontier.

2. "The Tale of Despereaux" by Kate DiCamillo - A charming tale of a brave mouse, a princess, and a rat, with themes of courage, forgiveness, and redemption.

3. "Sarah, Plain and Tall" by Patricia MacLachlan - A heartwarming story about a widower, his children, and the mail-order bride who comes to live with them.

Spanish Book Options

1. **"Dragones y malvaviscos: Zoé y Sasafrás" #1 (Spanish Edition) by Marion Lindsay**

With magical animals, science, mystery, and adventure -- the brand new series Zoey and Sassafras has something for everyone! Easy-to-read language and illustrations on nearly every page make this series perfect for a wide range of ages. In the first book of this series, Zoey discovers a glowing photo and learns an amazing secret. Injured magical animals come to their backyard barn for help! When a sick baby dragon appears, it's up to Zoey and Sassafras to figure out what's wrong. Will they be able to help little Marshmallow before it's too late?

Grade 4:

English Book Options

1. **"The Door in the Wall" by Marguerite de Angeli** - A historical novel set in medieval England, following the journey of a young boy who overcomes physical challenges with faith and determination.

2. **"The Indian in the Cupboard" by Lynne Reid Banks** - A magical story about a boy who discovers that his toy figures come to life, with themes of friendship, responsibility, and respect.

3. **"Heidi" by Johanna Spyri** - A classic tale of a young girl who brings joy and healing to those around her, with themes of love, faith, and the beauty of nature.

4. **"Because of Winn-Dixie" by Kate DiCamillo** - A heartwarming story about a young girl, a dog, and the friendship that changes their lives forever.

Spanish Book Options:

1. **"Robot salvaje" by Peter Brown** - When Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote and wild island. She has no idea how she got there or for what purpose, but she knows she needs to survive. After facing a fierce storm and escaping a bear attack, she realizes that her only chance for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the other inhabitants, even though they may not be the friendliest. When she tries to take care of a gosling that is left orphaned, the other animals finally decide to cooperate, and the island starts to feel like home. The beavers teach her advanced construction techniques, the deer shows her how to

cultivate a garden, and a turtle tells Roz about the effects of climate change. Until one day, Roz's mysterious past comes back to haunt her... With fantastic illustrations that seem to jump off the pages, comes a heartwarming and adventure-filled novel about what happens when nature and technology collide. From the renowned illustrator and author Peter Brown. Differences do not make us less, but unique.

2. "El escape de la robot salvaje" by Peter Brown - The adventure has just begun... After learning to live on a distant and wild island, Roz now finds herself trapped on the Shareef family farm. Her new life imposes another kind of risks, such as tornadoes or wolf attacks. Desperate to escape the farm and return to her life on the island with Diamantino, Roz embarks on a journey in search of freedom through the wild forest and then through the bustling city, where she will face even more dangerous creatures: humans. While battling new and old threats, the robot's mysterious past becomes her future when she comes face to face with the one who has all the answers... An emotional and heart-wrenching sequel to *The Wild Robot*, illustrated and written by the incredible Peter Brown. The long-awaited second part of *The Wild Robot*.

3. "Los zapaticos rosa" by Jose Marti - When a little girl from a wealthy family gives her pink shoes to a poor girl, their two contrasting worlds meet for a moment, as each considers a way of life she will never know.

Grade 5:

English Book Options

1. "The Chronicles of Narnia" series by C.S. Lewis - A continuation of the Narnia series, exploring deeper themes of faith, courage, and spiritual growth.

2. "The Wingfeather Saga" series by Andrew Peterson - An epic fantasy series that follows the adventures of the Wingfeather family as they fight against evil and discover their true identities.

3. "Number the Stars" by Lois Lowry- A powerful story set during World War II, about a young girl's courage and sacrifice in helping her Jewish friend escape the Nazis.

4. "Island of the Blue Dolphins" by Scott O'Dell - A gripping survival story about a young Native American girl stranded on an island, with themes of resilience, courage, and self-reliance.

Spanish Book Options

1. “La travesía del cucubano” by Edwin Ortiz Rivera - Through a community of cucubanos, Edwin Ortiz Rivera presents us with the development of a society where equity, respect, and justice shine. A community where collective well-being is placed above individual well-being. The author lets us see the characteristics of a true leader through the characters in the story. We see courage, perseverance, resilience, unity, consensus, respect, and equality. Children are seen as part of the current community and not just the future, where they contribute in the present. Men and women have equal opportunities and treatment in this community of cucubanos. This story of effort and overcoming challenges could serve as an example to emulate in our real communities. A beautiful story that will make us reflect on the value of life.

2. “La gaviota y el gorrion” by Edwin Ortiz Rivera - Edwin Ortiz Rivera presents us with a novel that, through the adventures of a seagull and a sparrow, will lead us to compare the processes of our own lives. It will fill us with hope and new strength for our daily struggles. Fear is a way of protecting ourselves and ensuring we don't get hurt. The problem arises when fear paralyzes us, stops us, and dominates us. There are moments in life when we must arm ourselves with hope and not succumb to sadness and pain. As Ortiz Rivera says in this beautiful story, life places us in situations where we have to make choices. It is in those precise moments that we define our character. Some surrender to anguish and sadness, thus letting themselves die slowly. But we must, like the protagonist in this story, decide to keep living, face adversity, and be driven by hope. This novel presents us, as the title suggests, with a seagull and a sparrow who will meet in a moment of difficulty to share a great adventure. Both will learn from each other. They will experience good moments and great danger, just like life itself. Join Marcela and Sebastián in this great adventure!

3. “Que es la Copa Mundial?” by Bonnie Bader - Every four years, thirty-two of the best men's soccer teams from across the globe compete for the title of FIFA World Cup winner. Over one billion people tuned in worldwide to watch the final game of the 2014 competition, making the World Cup the most widely viewed sporting event in the world, exceeding even the Summer Olympics! This book takes a look back at what has changed since the first tournament in 1930 and what lies ahead for the most popular sport in the world.

4. “Charlie y la fabrica de chocolates” by Roald Dahl- Willy Wonka's famous chocolate factory is opening at last! But only five lucky children will be allowed inside. And the winners are: Augustus Gloop, an enormously fat boy whose hobby is eating; Veruca Salt, a spoiled-rotten brat whose parents are wrapped around her little finger; Violet

Beaugarde, a dim-witted gum-chewer with the fastest jaws around; Mike Teavee, a toy pistol-toting gangster-in-training who is obsessed with television; and Charlie Bucket, Our Hero, a boy who is honest and kind, brave and true, and good and ready for the wildest time of his life!

5. “La telarana de Charlota” by E.B. White - *Some Pig. Humble. Radiant.* These are the words in Charlotte's Web, high up in Zuckerman's barn. Charlotte's spiderweb tells of her feelings for a little pig named Wilbur, who simply wants a friend. They also express the love of a girl named Fern, who saved Wilbur's life when he was born the runt of his litter.