



LAKELAND CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Recommended Summer Reading for Rising 1st Graders

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Level 1

- Bulla, Clyde. *Daniel's Duck*
- Chandler, Edna. *Cowboy Sam* +
- Frascioni, Antonio. *The House that Jack Built*
- Graham, Margaret. *Benjy's Dog House* +
- Hoff, Syd. *Sammy the Seal*
- Hoff, Syd. *Danny and the Dinosaur* +
- Krauss, Ruth. *The Carrot Seed*
- Lionni, Leo. *Inch by Inch*
- Littledale, Freya. *The Magic Fish*
- Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad Are Friends* +
- Offen, Hilda. *A Treasury of Mother Goose*
- Seuss, Dr. *Beginner Books* +
- Seuss, Dr. *Bright and Early Books* +
- Tabak, Simms. *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*
- Wood, Audrey. *Quick as a Cricket*

Level 2

- Carle, Eric. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* +
- Davoll, Barbara. *The Potluck Supper* +
- Daugherty, James. *Andy and the Lion*
- Duvoisin, Roger. *Petunia*
- Flack, Marjorie. *Angus and the Ducks*
- Freeman, Don. *Corduroy* +
- Galdone, Paul. *The Little Red Hen*
- Galdone, Paul. *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*
- Hoban, Russell. *Bedtime for Frances* +
- Hunt, Angela. *A Gift for Grandpa*
- Keats, Ezra. *Peter's Chair*
- Marshall, James. *George and Martha* +
- McGovern, Ann. *Stone Soup*
- Minarik, Else. *Little Bear* +
- Numeroff, Laura. *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* +
- Parish, Peggy. *Amelia Bedelia* +
- Rey, Margaret & H.A. *Curious George* +
- Richardson, Arleta. *A Day at the Fair*
- Sharmat, Marjorie. *Nate the Great* +
- Zion, Gene. *Harry the Dirty Dog* +

Level 3

- Buckley, Helen. *Grandmother and I*
- Burton, Virginia. *Maybelle the Cable Car*
- Coerr, Eleanor. *The Josefina Story Quilt*
- De Regniers, Beatrice. *May I Bring a Friend?*
- Ets, Marie. *Just Me*
- Gramatky, Hardie. *Little Toot* +
- Hader, Berta. *The Big Snow*
- Keats, Ezra. *Whistle for Willie*
- Lewis, Kim. *Floss* +
- Lowry, Jannette. *The Poky Little Puppy*
- McCloskey, Robert. *Make Way for Ducklings*
- Piper, Watty. *The Little Engine that Could*
- Potter, Beatrix. *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* +
- Sendak, Maurice. *Where the Wild Things Are*
- Turtle, Brinton. *Thy Friend, Obadiah* +
- Ward, Lynd. *The Biggest Bear*
- Wilder, Laura. *My First Little House Books* +
- Williams, Vera. *A Chair for My Mother*



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Required: Read one book from a series listed below & create a Cereal Box Book Report that will be shared with the class during the first week of school. Scan the QR Code or go to bit.ly/lcacerealboxbookreport to learn more about how to create a Cereal Box Book Report.

- *Berenstain Bears* series by Stan and Jan Berenstain
- *Amelia Bedelia* series by Peggy Parish
- *Curious George* Series by Margaret and H. A. Rey
- *Nate the Great* series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- *Madeline* series by Ludwig Bemelmans



Level 1

- Cannon, Janell. *Stellaluna*
- Galdone, Paul. *The Gingerbread Boy*
- Galdone, Paul. *The Three Bears*
- Galdone, Paul. *The Three Little Pigs*
- Kessel, Joyce. *Squanto and the First Thanksgiving*
- Roop, Peter and Connie. *Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie*
- Slobodkina, Esphyr. *Caps for Sale*
- Yolen, Jane. *Owl Moon*

Level 2

- Anderson, C. W. *Billy and Blaze* +
- Bemelmans, Ludwig. *Madeline* +
- Bontemps, Arna & Conroy Jack. *The Fast Sooner Hound*

- Calhoun, Mary. *Cross-Country Cat*
- DeBrunhoff, Jean. *Babar* +
- Flack, Marjorie. *The Story about Ping*
- Gag, Wanda. *Millions of Cats*
- Gauch, Patricia. *Thunder at Gettysburg*
- Haywood, Carolyn. *Betsy & Billy* +
- Hope, Laura Lee. *The Bobbsey Twins* +
- Leaf, Munro. *The Story of Ferdinand*
- Loveless, Maude. *Betsy-Tacy* +
- Milne, A. A. *When We Were Young*
- Milne, A. A. *Now We are Six*
- Politi, Leo. *Song of the Swallows*
- Steig, William. *Doctor De Soto Goes to Africa*
- Taha, Karen. *A Gift for Tia Rosa*
- Warner, Gertrude. *The Boxcar Children* +
- Ziefert, Harriet. *A New Coat for Anna*

Level 3

- Aardemas, Verna. *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears*
- Harness, Cheryl. *Three Young Pilgrims*
- Le Gallienne, Eva. *Seven Tales by H. C. Andersen*
- McCloskey, Robert. *Blueberries for Sal*
- McCloskey, Robert. *Lentil*
- McCloskey, Robert. *One Morning in Maine*
- Mowat, Farley. *Owls in the Family*
- Nesbit, E. *The Railway Children* +
- Sobol, Donald. *Secret Agents Four*
- Sproul, R. C. *The King Without a Shadow*
- West, Jerry. *The Happy Hollisters* +
- Williams, Jay. *Danny Dunn* +



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Required: *Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown (the original Flat Stanley) Students will create a Flat Stanley and have him join their summer adventures. Take pictures with Flat Stanley and plan to create a poster sharing your adventures with your classmates the first week of school in August.

Level 1

- Bulla, Clyde. *A Lion to Guard Us*
- Bulla, Clyde. *Shoeshine Girl*
- Cleary, Beverly. *Henry Huggins* +
- Dalgliesh, Alice. *The Courage of Sarah Noble*
- Gardiner, John. *Stone Fox*
- Hall, Donald. *Ox-Cart Man*
- Kellogg, Steven. *Paul Bunyan*
- MacGregor, Ellen. *Miss Pickerell* +
- MacLachlan, Patricia. *Sarah, Plain and Tall* +
- McSwigan, Marie. *Snow Treasure*
- Scieszka, Jon. *The Time Warp Trio: Sam Samurai*
- Sobol, Donald. *Encyclopedia Brown Series* +
- Stanley, Diane. *The True Adventure of Daniel Hall*
- Warner, Gertrude. *The Box-Car Children* (excluding vol. 1) +

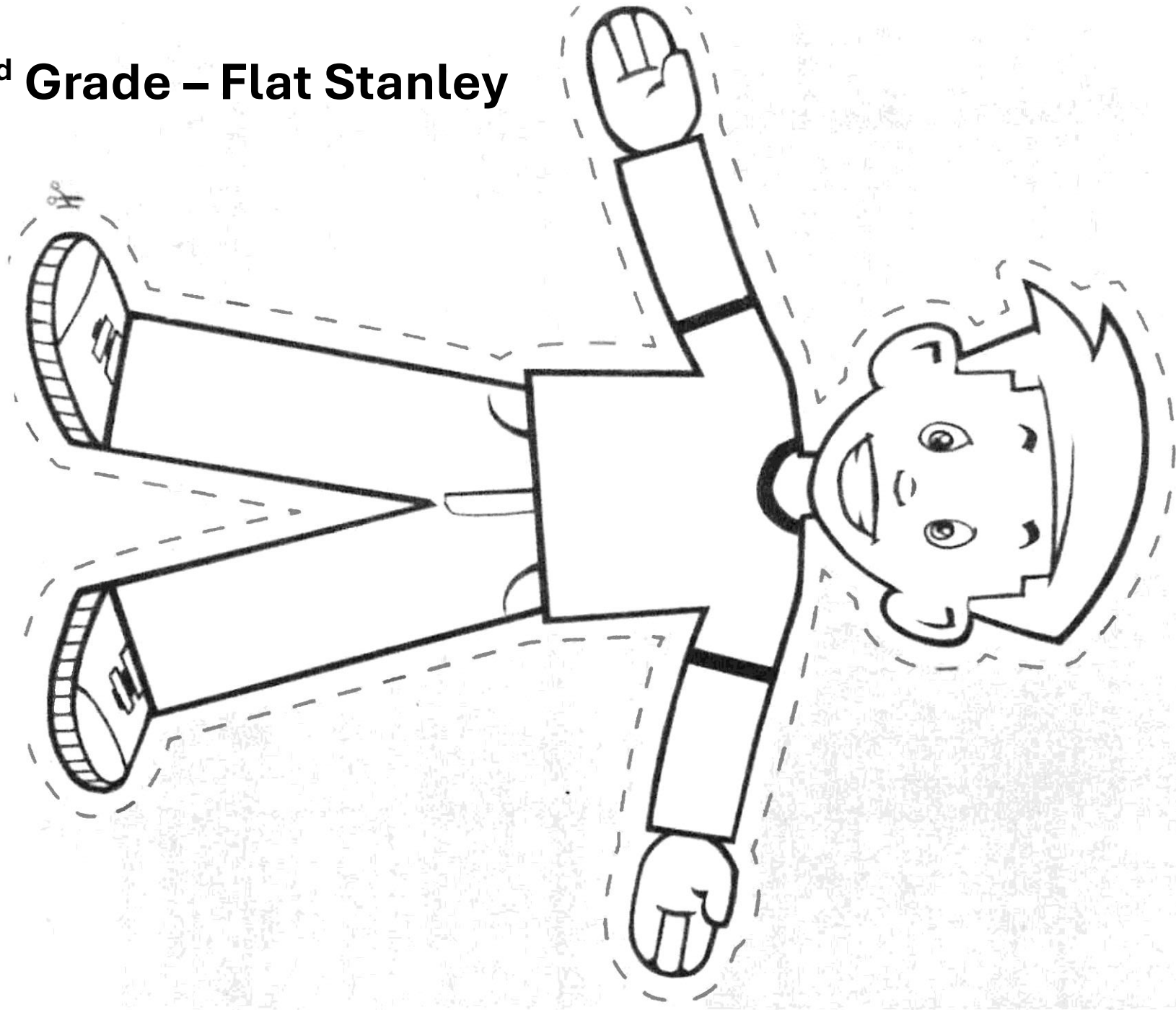
Level 2

- Collodi C. *Pinocchio*
- Edmonds, Walter. *The Matchlock Gun*
- Henry, Marguerite. *Misty of Chincoteague*
- Herriot, James. *James Herriot's Treasury*
- Hope, Laura Lee. *The Bobbsey Twins* +
- Hurwitz, Johanna. *Aldo Applesauce*
- Lindgren, Astrid. *Pippi Longstocking* +
- Milne, A. A. *Winnie the Pooh*
- Nesbit, E. *The Railway Children* +
- Richardson, Arleta. *In Grandma's Attic* +
- Roddy, Lee. *Family Adventures* +
- Rupp, Rebecca. *Dragon of Lonely Island*
- Wilder, Laura. *Little House on the Prairie* +

Level 3

- Bailey, Carolyn. *Miss Hickory*
- Bond, Michael. *Paddington* +
- Cleary, Beverly. *Ramona* +
- D'Aulaire, I. E. *Benjamin Franklin* +
- Estes, Eleanor. *The Moffats*
- Fritz, Jean. *The Cabin Faced West*
- Holling, H. C. *Paddle-to-the-Sea* +
- Jackson, Dave & Neta. *Trailblazer Series* +
- Kipling, Rudyard. *Just So Stories*
- Lawson, Robert. *Rabbit Hill*
- McCloskey, Robert. *Homer Price*
- Nesbit, E. *The Story of the Treasure Seekers*
- Peretti, Frank. *The Door in the Dragon's Throat*
- Reece, Colleen. *American Adventure Series* +
- Streatfeild, Noel. *Ballet Shoes*

3rd Grade – Flat Stanley





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Level 1

- Alexander, Lloyd. *The Book of Three* +
- Armstrong, William. *Souder*
- Babbitt, Natalie. *Tuck Everlasting*
- Burnett, Frances H. *A Little Princess*
- Carlson, Natalie. *The Family Under the Bridge*
- Estes, Eleanor. *The Hundred Dresses*
- Knight, Eric. *Lassie Come-Home*
- L'Engle, Madeleine. *A Wrinkle in Time* +
- Lenski, Lois. *Prairie School* +
- Lenski, Lois. *Strawberry Girl*
- Lowry, Lois. *Number the Stars*
- McSwigan, Marie. *Snow Treasure*
- Seredy, Kate. *The Good Master*
- Speare, Elizabeth. *The Sign of the Beaver*
- Taylor, Sydney. *All-of-A-Kind Family*
- Thurber, James. *Many Moons*
- Verne, Jules. *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*
- Wilson, N. D. *100 Cupboards* +

Level 2

- Farley, Walter. *The Black Stallion* +
- Funke, Cornelia. *Inkheart* +
- George, Jean C. *My Side of the Mountain*
- Grahame, Kenneth. *The Reluctant Dragon*
- Hanes, Mari. *Two Mighty Rivers*
- Jacques, Brian. *Redwall* +
- Lofting, Hugh. *The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle* +
- Morey, Walt. *Gentle Ben*
- Peretti, Frank. *The Cooper Kids Adventure* +
- Riordan, Rick. *The Lightning Thief* +
- Smith, Dodie. *The 101 Dalmations*
- Street, James. *Good-bye My Lady*
- Travers, P. I. *Mary Poppins* +
- Wilson, N. D. *Leepike Ridge*

Level 3

- Adamson, Joy. *Born Free*
- Alcott, Louisa May. *Little Women* +
- Burnford, Sheila. *The Incredible Journey*
- Field, Rachel. *Calico Bush*
- Lawson, Robert. *Ben and Me*
- Robertson, Keith. *Henry Reed, Inc.* +
- Robinson, Barbara. *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*
- Sewell, Anna. *Black Beauty*
- Sidney, Margaret. *Five Little Peppers* +



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Level 1

- Beatty, Patricia. *Turn Homeward, Hannalee*
- Brink, Carol. *Caddie Woodlawn*
- Byars, Betsy. *The Summer of the Swans*
- Cleary, Beverly. *Dear Mr. Henshaw*
- De Jong, Meindert. *The Wheel on the School*
- Enright, Elizabeth. *Thimble Summer*
- Gates, Doris. *Blue Willow*
- Gipson, Fred. *Old Yeller*
- Hanes Mari. *Two Mighty Rivers*
- O'Brien, Robert. *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*
- Rawls, Wilson. *Where the Red Fern Grows*
- Selden, George. *The Cricket in Times Square*

Level 2

- Cameron, Eleanor. *Mushroom Planet* +
- De Jong, Meindert. *The House of Sixty Fathers*
- George, Jean Craighead. *Julie of the Wolves*
- Montgomery, Lucy. *Anne of Green Gables*
- O'Dell, Scott. *Island of the Blue Dolphin*
- Pearce, Philippa. *Tom's Midnight Garden*
- Porter, Eleanor. *Pollyanna* +
- Rawks, Wilson. *Summer of the Monkeys*
- Spyri, Johanna. *Heidi*
- Wyss, Johann. *Swiss Family Robinson*

Level 3

- Alcott, Louisa. *Little Men*
- Burnett, Frances. *Little Lord Fauntleroy*
- De Jong, Meindert. *Journey from Peppermint Street*
- Dodge, Mary. *Hans Brinker*
- Grahame, Kenneth. *The Wind in the Willows*
- MacDonald, George. *The Princess and Curdie*
- MacDonald, George. *The Princess and the Goblin*
- North, Sterling. *Rascal*
- Sereby, Kate. *The White Stag*
- Stevenson, Robert Louis. *Treasure Island*
- Terhune, Albert. *Lad: A Dog*
- Tolkien, J. R. R. *The Hobbit*
- Verne, Jules. *Around the World in Eighty Days*
- Verne, Jules. *Journey to the Center of the Earth*