



2025-2026 Aristoi Katy Logic School Summer Reading Lists & Writing Assignments 5th-8th Grade

Assignments are due the first day of school, Monday August 12, 2025.

Required summer reading and assignments:

Entering 5th Grade:

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis (ISBN: 978-0064471046)

Writing Assignment - In the story, Edmund asks the question, "Which is the right side? How do we know that the fauns are in the right and the Queen in the wrong?" How does one know when something is right or wrong? Please write your essay in response to Edmund's questions in the form of a three paragraph essay. A well-written paragraph has a topic sentence, 3-4 supporting facts or details from the text, and a closing sentence.

Entering 6th Grade:

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster (ISBN: 978-0394820378)

Writing Assignment - Why would Norton Juster choose a boy like Milo to be the hero of the novel? Please respond in a three paragraph essay. A well-written paragraph has a topic sentence, 3-4 supporting facts or details from the text, and a closing sentence.

Entering 7th Grade:

The Voyage of the Dawn Treader by C.S. Lewis (ISBN: 978-0064405027)

Writing Assignment - Based on what we know of Eustace in the book, how does one become a dragon? What can be learned from Eustace's character and choices that would inevitably lead to becoming monstrous? Write a one page essay that includes specific quotes and examples from the text.

Entering 8th Grade:

Animal Farm by George Orwell (ISBN: 9780451526342)

Writing Assignment - Near the end of the story, The Seven Commandments are reduced to one single Commandment: 'All Animals are equal but some are more equal than others.' Write a one-page essay reflecting on what this change means and what it is communicating to the Animals of Animal Farm.

READING FOR ENRICHMENT:

(These titles are not required but are suggested for additional reading over the summer.)

5th Grade:

- *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert O'Brian (any version)
- *The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis (any version)
- *Black Beauty - the Autobiography of a Horse* by Anna Sewel (any version)

6th Grade:

- *The Door in the Wall* by Marguerite De Angeli (any version)
- *Adam of the Road* by Elizabeth Janet Gray (any version)
- *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls (any version)

7th Grade:

- *True Grit* by Charles Portis (any version)
- *Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery (any version)
- *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson (any version)

8th Grade:

- *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien (ISBN-13: 978-0345538376)
- *The Three Musketeers* by Alexandre Dumas (any version)
- *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (any version)