

Junior Great Books Syllabus

Lower Elementary, Mrs. Messinger's 1st Years (Group A): *Thursdays*

- 9/15/16 Welcome to Great Books and introduction to the library.
Distribute *Junior Great Books Series 2, Friendship, Responsibility, Bravery*.
Discuss "Where the Sidewalk Ends", by Shel Silverstein
- 9/29/16 *Friendship: The Happy Lion*, Louise Fatio
- 10/13/16 *Friendship: Miss Maggie*, Cynthia Rylant
- 10/27/16 *Friendship: Anancy and Dog and Puss and Friendship*, West Indian Folktale as told by James Berry
- 11/10/16 *Responsibility: Catalog Cats/Our Garden* Ann Cameron

Thanksgiving Break 11/23 - 11/25

- 12/1/16 *Responsibility: Carlos and the Cornfield*, Jan Romero Stevens
- 12/15/16 *Responsibility: The Wedding Basket*, West African Folktale

Holiday Break 12/19 - 1/2/17

- 1/12/17 *Bravery: The Jade Stone*, Chinese Folktale
- 1/26/17 *Bravery, The Girl and the Chenoo*, Native American Folktale
- 2/9/17 *Bravery, Jack and the Beanstalk*, English Folktale. Distribute Aquinas Great Books
- 2/23/17 Jataka Tales, p. 2-5
- 3/9/17 Fables by Aesop and Sergei Mikhalkov, p. 6-9
- 3/23/17 Little Red Riding Hood, Walter de la Mare, p. 10 - 18
- 4/6/17 Poetry, Walter de la Mare, Carl Sandburg, Ogden Nash, p. 19 - 22

Spring Break 4/10 - 4/17

- 4/27/17 Midas, a Myth, p. 23 - 28

Testing 5/1 - 5/12

- 5/11/17 Piglet Meets a Heffalump, A.A. Milne, p. 29 - 38. Distribute Rudyard Kipling story.
- 5/25/17 How the Camel Got His Hump, Rudyard Kipling