

Literature Studies

Our philosophy is that learning to read and enjoy quality literature is beneficial both academically and spiritually. For that reason, the utmost care is taken in selecting each book we require a student to read. In the elementary grades, the literary themes and the characters serve to enforce wholesome thoughts, Christian behaviors, and character traits like mercy, love, forgiveness, and joy. To view the books required at each grade level, you may link over to our *graded literature lists*. Your child's teacher will explain the quantity of books required and the method of reporting about each book. In the 4th and 5th grades, students begin formal literature studies with Mosdos Press.

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