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Dear Harvest Families,

We are pleased to announce our summer required reading list and optional book club program. During the summer, we would like your student in the elementary class to read *The Tarantula in My Purse* by Jean Craighead George, *Little House on the Prairie* by Laura Ingalls Wilder, and *Justin Morgan Had a Horse* by Marguerite Henry.

We have chosen these books with a couple of thoughts in mind. Your child should be able to read them independently. However, if not, it is perfect material for co-reading. For example, the child might be able to read some of the dialog while you read the narrative. These books will also tie into the historical times addressed next year. If your child enjoys our selections, all three authors have other books for further reading.

All students are expect to read a chapter and tell it to you. Those from last year's elementary class must write a short narration in the reading journal provided. Students from last year's primary class are expected to write a sentence or to have you write what they tell you.

We are also offering an optional book club kicking off on Thursday, June 12 at 10:30 a.m. We will meet with you and your children at Santee National Wildlife Refuge for a nature walk. Afterwards, we will gather at the school for lunch and a class discussion of the three books. While this is not an event for dropping off your children, we will have enough staff to guide the conversation. Attached is the schedule we intend to follow for our program.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by phone or email.

In His Service,

Angie Bruner

	Subject	Title	Audio Book Hours	Rationale	Resources
Elementary Class	Nature Study	<i>The Tarantula in My Purse</i> by Jean Craighead George	N/A	This fabulous book describes two-generations of a family that takes in wild animals and cares them until they are ready to be released. Jean Craighead George has written many wonderful books.	This book is available at Amazon, but there are no audio books.
	Novel	<i>Little House on the Prairie</i> by Laura Ingalls Wilder	6	The time period covered in the school year will be the 1800s. This book communicates pioneer life, an important idea of that century.	We are reading the full chapter book version. Amazon carries an audio book for families who are short on time.
	History	<i>Justin Morgan Had a Horse</i> by Marguerite Henry	4	This book by award-winning author Marguerite Henry tells the life of little ru who became the father of the breed of horse that made the western expansion possible.	This book is available at Amazon in paperback and audio forms.

	Nature Study	Novel	History
Jun 12	Purse: Genesis & Owl (Ch. 1-2)	Prairie: West - Camp (Ch. 1-3)	Morgan: Little Bub (Ch. 1)
Jun 19	Purse: Yammer & Bath tub (Ch. 3-4)	Prairie: Day & House (Ch. 4-5)	Morgan: Shadow & Vermont (Ch. 2-3)
Jun 26	Purse: Disturbing Peace (Ch. 5)	Prairie: Moving - Doors (Ch. 6-8)	Morgan: Hawkes & Pa (Ch. 4-5)
Jul 03	Purse: Trouble & Talking Crow (Ch. 6-7)	Prairie: Fire & Roof (Ch. 9-10)	Morgan: Years & Stranger (Ch. 6-7)
Jul 10	Purse: Pond & Raccoon (Ch. 8-9)	Prairie: Indians - Longhorns (Ch. 11-13)	Morgan: Pulling Bee (Ch. 8)
Jul 17	Purse: Crowbar & Kestrel (Ch. 10-11)	Prairie: Indian & Fever (Ch. 14-15)	Morgan: Ox & Challenge (Ch. 9-10)
Jul 24	Purse: Robin & Crow (Ch. 12-13)	Prairie: Fire - Tall Indian (Ch. 16-18)	Morgan: Dandies & Satchel (Ch. 11-12)
Jul 31	Purse: Boa - Skunk (Ch. 14-16)	Prairie: Santa - Jamboree (Ch. 19-21)	Morgan: Singing & Auction (Ch. 13-14)
Aug 07	Purse: Turtle - Magpie (Ch. 17-20)	Prairie: Fire & War-Cry (Ch. 22-23)	Morgan: Lost & Plattsburg (Ch. 15-16)
Aug 14	Purse: Nest & Bullfrog (Ch. 21-22)	Prairie: Ride Away - Going (Ch. 24-26)	Morgan: Whinny & Justin (Ch. 17-18)

