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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 primary class to read *Among the Meadow People* by Clara Dillingham Pierson, *Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder, and *Pocahontas* by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire.

We have chosen these books with a couple of thoughts in mind: they can be spread out during the summer for you and your child to read at bedtime if time is a luxury. While your child might not be able to read them independently, 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.

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
Primary Class	Nature Study	<i>Among the Meadow People</i> by Clara Dillingham Pierson	3	Students at the school have already met many creatures in this book on their walks. This book has some dialog, which is a great opportunity to read and co-read at bed time.	You can order this book online or read it for free at Baldwin Project: http://www.mainlesson.com/display.php?author=pierson&book=meadow&story=contents . Librivox has free audio: https://librivox.org/among-the-meadow-people-by-clara-dillingham-pierson/ .
	Novel	<i>The Little House in the Big Woods</i> by Laura Ingalls Wilder	4	While this book is set a century after the colonization of the USA, it gives an idea of what life was like for a frontier family. It also has some dialog that can be co-read.	We are reading the full chapter book version. Amazon also carries an audio book for families who are short on time.
	History	<i>Pocahontas</i> by Ingrid and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire	Picture Book	The primary class has already read two books in this series of beautifully illustrated books. It will prepare them to study the colonization of the United States next school year.	This book is readily available at Amazon.

	Nature Study		Novel		History
Jun 12	Meadow: Butterfly - Caterpillar, (Ch. 1-3)		Big Woods: Little House (Ch. 1)		
Jun 19	Meadow: Snail - Harvestmen (Ch. 4-6)		Big Woods: Winter (Ch. 2)		
Jun 26	Meadow: Web - Robin (Ch. 7-9)		Big Woods: Rifle & Christmas (Ch. 3-4)		
Jul 03	Meadow: Crickets - Joke (Ch. 10-12)		Big Woods: Sundays (Ch. 5)		
Jul 10	Meadow: Cicada - Grass (Ch. 13-15)		Big Woods: Bears & Snow (Ch. 6 & 7)		
Jul 17	Meadow: Race - Walking Stick (Ch. 16-18)		Big Woods: Dance (Ch. 8)		Pocahontas: pages 8-15
Jul 24	Meadow: Storm - Grasshopper (Ch. 19-21)		Big Woods: Town (Ch. 9)		Pocahontas: pages 16-23
Jul 31	Meadow: Earthworm - Frog (Ch. 22-24)		Big Woods: Summertime (Ch. 10)		Pocahontas: pages 24-31
Aug 07	Meadow: Mosquito - Frog (Ch. 25-26)		Big Woods: Harvest (Ch. 11)		Pocahontas: pages 32-39
Aug 14	Meadow: Quarrel & Party (Ch. 27-28)		Big Woods: Machine & Deer (Ch. 12-13)		Pocahontas: pages 40-47