

# Junior Great Books Syllabus

## Lower Elementary, Mrs. Messinger's 1<sup>st</sup> Years (Group B): *Thursdays*

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- 9/22/16 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
- 10/6/16 *Friendship: The Happy Lion*, Louise Fatio
- 10/20/16 *Friendship: Miss Maggie*, Cynthia Rylant
- 11/3/16 *Friendship: Anancy and Dog and Puss and Friendship*, West Indian Folktale as told by James Berry
- 11/17/16 *Responsibility: Catalog Cats/Our Garden* Ann Cameron

### **Thanksgiving Break 11/23 - 11/25**

- 12/8/16 *Responsibility: Carlos and the Cornfield*, Jan Romero Stevens

### **Holiday Break 12/19 - 1/2/17**

- 1/5/17 *Responsibility: The Wedding Basket*, West African Folktale
- 1/19/17 *Bravery: The Jade Stone*, Chinese Folktale
- 2/2/17 *Bravery, The Girl and the Chenoo*, Native American Folktale
- 2/16/17 *Bravery, Jack and the Beanstalk*, English Folktale. Distribute Aquinas Great Books
- 3/2/17 Jataka Tales, p. 2-5
- 3/16/17 Fables by Aesop and Sergei Mikhalkov, p. 6-9
- 3/30/17 Little Red Riding Hood, Walter de la Mare, p. 10 - 18

### **Spring Break 4/10 - 4/17**

- 4/20/17 Poetry, Walter de la Mare, Carl Sandburg, Ogden Nash, p. 19 - 22

### **Testing 5/1 - 5/12**

- 5/4/17 Midas, a Myth, p. 23 - 28
- 5/18/17 Piglet Meets a Heffalump, A.A. Milne, p. 29 - 38. Distribute Rudyard Kipling story.
- 6/1/17 How the Camel Got His Hump, Rudyard Kipling