

Greenway Academy Core Literature List

First Grade Literature List

Book	Key Morals and Islamic Values
Owl at Home	Learning to manage fear calmly - Contentment (<i>qanā'ah</i>) - Feeling safety as a blessing from Allah
Frog and Toad Collection	Loyalty and sincere friendship - Brotherhood (<i>ukhuwwah</i>) - Ṣabr (patience)
A Bargain for Frances	Fairness in deals - Honesty (<i>ṣidq</i>) - Justice in trade
Sam the Minuteman	Taking responsibility seriously - Fulfilling <i>amanah</i> (trust) - Service to community
My Father's Dragon	Helping someone in need - Helping the oppressed - Bravery with wisdom
The Bears on Hemlock Mountain	Facing fears with courage - Trust with effort (<i>tawakkul + action</i>) - Courage
George the Drummer Boy	Even small roles matter Sincerity in action (<i>ikhlāṣ</i>)
The Tale of Peter Rabbit	Importance of listening to parents <i>Birr al-walidayn</i> (kindness to parents) - Accountability
Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie by Connie Roop	Responsibility at a young age <i>Amanah</i> - Strength during difficulty
Bedtime for Frances	Comfort in routines - Emotional security - Gentle parenting
Adventures of the Little Wooden Horse	Perseverance through hardship

	• Şabr (patience) • Mercy and compassion
The Storm	Trust in safe guidance (home, family) • Tawakkul (trust while taking care) • Emotional strength
Lady Lollipop by Dick King-Smith	Responsibility comes with privilege • Amanah (trust/responsibility) • Mercy to animals
The Pagemaster by David Kirschner	Overcoming fear through knowledge • Seeking knowledge • Courage rooted in understanding
The Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh	Bravery in unfamiliar places • Courage with faith • Respect for others
The King's Equal by Katherine Paterson	True worth is character, not status • Equality of people • Inner strength
Billy and Blaze by C. W. Anderson	Care for animals • Mercy to animals • Amanah
Two Times the Fun by Beverly Cleary	Patience with siblings • Family harmony • Forgiveness

Literature Circles

- [The Josefina Story Quilt](#) by Eleanor Coerr
- [Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie](#) by Connie Roop
- [Prairie School](#) by Avi
- [Daniel's Duck](#) by Clyde Robert Bulla
- [Russell Sprouts](#) by Johanna Hurwitz
- [The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto](#) by Natalie Stanford
- [Wagon Wheels](#) by Barbara Brenner

Independent Reading

[Frog and Toad](#) by Arnold Lobel – I Can Read Collection
[Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express](#) by Eleanor Coerr

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