

Greenway Academy Core Literature List

Second Grade Literature List

Book	Key Morals and Islamic Values
The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo	• Courage despite weakness • Mercy and forgiveness
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo*	• Hardship teaches wisdom • Love should lead to gratitude, not pride Note: Anthropomorphic language about “love making something real”—clarify that Allah gives value and life, not emotions.
Farmer Boy by Laura Ingalls Wilder	• Earning through effort • Respect for parents • Simple living
Poppy by Avi	• Bravery should serve justice • Fear should not stop doing good Note: Fantasy animals—clearly fictional but discuss leadership and restraint.
The Cricket in Times Square by George Seldon	• Humility • Thankfulness • Simple joy
Babe: The Gallant Pig by Dick King-Smith	• Compassion • Justice • Treating animals gently
Shadrach by Meindert DeJong	• Caring for the vulnerable • Moral courage • Loyalty Note: Contains wartime tension and injury—use discussion.
Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan	• Mercy • Emotional resilience • Compassion in family life

The Boxcar Children #1 by Gertrude Chandler Warner	• Family unity • Self-reliance • Trustworthiness
Emilie's Runaway Imagination by Beverly Cleary	• Imagination • Maturing responsibility • Understanding consequences
The Borrowers by Mary Norton	• Living simply • Resourcefulness • Respect for others' space Note: Fantasy beings—clearly fictional, no spiritual claims.