

# Village School

## Summer Reading 2024

Village School is sponsoring a reading program for its students again this summer. All students are required to read the specific selections listed below.

In addition, students are asked to read one other selection of their choosing. Because of the wide variety in both ability and interest of each student, it is important that parents work with their daughters in making selections.

When school resumes in the fall, the students should be prepared to discuss in class the books listed below. Students should bring to class on the first day a paragraph they have written about **each** book. These paragraphs should be either a brief summary of a specific scene they liked (or disliked), or a brief description of a character. These paragraphs are to be considered rough drafts. We will work on them during the first few days of classes.

These selections represent the minimum required reading for the summer. We are committed to the value and pleasure of reading and hope you will support this program and offer encouragement for more extensive reading.

### **Rising Fives:**

*Little Women: Part First*, Chapters 1 - 23 (Louisa May Alcott)

The 150th Anniversary Annotated Edition by Penguin Classics is recommended (the copy you were given at the pizza party). This text is edited with an introduction by Anne Boyd Rioux. Before beginning the book, you might find it helpful to review “Tips for Reading *Little Women*” found on page xxiii of this edition.

### **Rising Sixes:**

*Anne of Green Gables* (L. M. Montgomery)

### **Rising Sevens:**

*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* (Betty Smith)

### **Rising Eights:**

*To Kill a Mockingbird* (Harper Lee)

### **Entire School:**

*Ferris* (Kate DiCamillo)

We encourage you to shop for these and other titles at New Dominion Bookshop ([ndbookshop.com](http://ndbookshop.com)), a long-time friend and partner of Village School.