Course Description: This course offers an introduction to the rich and exciting world of children’s literature. Our focus will be on exposure, comprehension, evaluation, and general application in the home and school setting. Required for Elementary Ed. Majors and recommended for all would-be teachers, parents, and anybody who was a kid once and savored the experience of reading a good book written for a young audience.

Course Objectives:
• To gain exposure to various genres within children’s lit.
• To learn classification and evaluation methods.
• To develop some general applications of children’s lit in the teaching situation.
• To foster an appreciation for children’s lit and an enthusiasm for sharing this appreciation with young readers.

Course Requirements:

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Total Points possible: 400

Note about text purchases: Typically, large, bulky textbooks are required purchases for literature courses. However, I thought it more helpful to have you spend your money on purchasing some quality children's books so that you can start building your personal collection. You will not be able to sell these books back to the bookstore at the end of the semester. Hopefully, you won't want to. You will have additional opportunities in this course to buy children's literature at bargain prices. I hope you will continue to supplement this modest collection for your own homes & classrooms.

Required Texts:
- Mrs Frisby & the Rats of NIMH—Robert O'Brien
- The Giver—Lois Lowry
- Crispin—Avi
- The Witches—Roald Dahl
- Walk Two Moons—Sharon Creech
- Skellig—David Almond
- Bud, Not Buddy—Christopher Paul Curtis
- Anderson E355 Handout Packet

Two additional novel-length books of your choice (may be checked out from library)