

Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

Those students entering the fourth grade in August will be required to read at least 2 books during the summer months. The rationale behind a summer reading assignment is to help students at least maintain the reading skills he/she has acquired during the school year. Research proves that students who read during the summer break period will increase fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension; however, those children who do not read during the summer lose two to three months of reading development.

A key to student success in reading is ensuring the student's reading level, comprehension ability, and the difficulty level of the text are aligned. One quick way to assess whether a book is at the appropriate level is to use the "five finger rule." The student should choose a book that he/she wants to read. Open to any page and begin reading. As the student comes to words he/she can't pronounce or doesn't understand, put up a finger. If the reader puts up five fingers, put the book back. It is too hard.

The reading list for the fourth and fifth grade students is attached. Fourth grade students may choose any 2 books from this list. The report form is also attached and students will complete this form for each book once they have finished reading the book. The report form will be turned in to the reading teacher on the first day of school.

It is our hope that this will be a "stress-free" and enjoyable activity for our students. We hope you will enthusiastically support this program and make reading a daily part of your child's summer.

The books on the reading list may be checked out of local libraries or purchased at bookstores or online.



4th and 5th Grade Summer Reading List

TITLE	AUTHOR
A Little Princess	Burnett, Frances H
A Wrinkle in Time	L'Engle, Madeline
All-of-a-Kind-Family	Taylor, Sydney
Any books	Haddix
Any books	Levine
Any books	Bateson
Any books	Lupica, Mike
Banner in the Sky	Ullman, James
Ben and Me	Lawson, Robert
Big Red	Kjelgaard, Jim
Blue Willow	Gates, Doris
Book of the King series	Jenkins, Jerry
Caddie Woodlawn	Brink, Carol
Carry On, Mr. Bowditch	Lathan, Jean
Chronicles of Narnia Series	Lewis, C. S.
Dear Mr. Henshaw	Cleary, Beverly
Ella Enchanted	Levine, Gail Carson
Fairest	Levine, Gail Carson
Frindle	Clements, Andrew
Gentle Ben	Morey, Walt
Gifted Hands, Kid's Edition: Ben Carson	Lewis, Greg & Deborah
Ginger Pye	Estes, Eleanor
Hardy Boy Series	Dixon, Franklin
Heidi	Spyri, Johanna
Henry Reed, Inc.	Robertson, Keith
Imagination Station Books	McCusker, Paul and Hering, Marianne
Julie of the Wolves	George, Jean C.
Lassie Come Home	Knight, Eric
Leepike Ridge	Wilson, N. D.
Left Behind Series	LaHaye & Jenkins
Leif the Lucky	D'Aulaire, Ingrid
Little House on the Prairie Series (not adapted)	Wilder, Laura Ingalls
Little Women	Alcott, Louisa May
Many Moons	Thurber, James
Michael Vey Series	Evans, Richard Paul
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh	O'Brien, Robert
Nancy Drew series	Keene, Carolyn
Old Yeller	Gipson, Fred
Pollyanna	Porter, Eleanor
Prairie School	Lenski, Lois
Raiders from the Sea	Johnson, Lois
Rats, Bulls & Flying Machines..the Renaissance	Prum, Deborah
Red Rock Mystery series	Jenkins, Jerry
Shiloh	Naylor, Phyllis
Sign of the Beaver	Speare, Elizabeth
Snow Treasure	McSwigan, Marie

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Sounder	Armstrong, William
Starry Messenger: Galileo Galilei	Sis, Peter
Strawberry Girl	Lenski, Lois
Stuart Little	White, E. B.
Summer of the Monkeys	Rawls, Wilson
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	Robinson, Barbara
The City of Ember	DuPrau, Jeanne
The Copper Kids Adventure	Peretti, Frank
The Cricket in Times Square	Selden, George
The Family Under the Bridge	Carlson, Natalie
The Fourteen Goldfish	Holm, Jennifer L.
The Good Master	Seredy, Kate
The House of Sixty Fathers	DeLong, Meindert
The Hundred Dresses	Estes, Eleanor
The Incredible Journey	Burnford, Sheila
The Little Prince	Saint-Exupery, Antoine de
The Mysterious Benedict Society	Stewart, Trenton Lee
The Reluctant Dragon	Grahame, Kenneth
The Secret Garden	Burnett, Frances H
The Shakespeare Stealer	Blackwood, Gary
The Snow Goose	Gallico, Paul
The Summer of the Swans	Byars, Betsy
The Tale of Despereaux	DiCamillo, Kate
The Trumpet of the Swan	White, E. B.
The Twenty One Balloons	duBois, William Pene
The White Stag	Seredy, Kate
The Wind in the Willows	Grahame, Kenneth
The Witch of Blackbird Pond	Speare, Elizabeth
Theodore Boone Series	Grisham, John
Thimble Summer	Enright, Elizabeth
Thunderstorm in Church	Vernon, Louise
Tom's Midnight Garden	Pearce, Phillipa
Trouble at Silver Pines Inn	Repp, Gloria
True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	Avi
Turn Homeward, Hannalee	Beatty Patricia
Two Mighty Rivers: Sons of Pocahontas	Hanes, Mari
Where the Red Fern Grows	Rawls, Wilson

**FOURTH GRADE  
SELECTED READING  
REPORT FORM**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the title of the book and who is the author?

2. What type of book is this book (fiction, non-fiction, biography, historical fiction, fantasy)?

3. In 3-4 sentences, describe the most exciting or interesting part of the book (use no more than 6 sentences).

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4. How long did it take you to read this book?

5. Have one of your parents sign the box below after you have read the book and completed this form.

Parent Signature	Date Completed
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