



# LAGRANGE ACADEMY

## Summer Reading for Rising Fourth Graders

Welcome to FOURTH GRADE! I am so excited about teaching YOU! My name is Jill Gay, and I love sharing my love of reading, writing, and thinking. Buckle up and get ready for a *SHAMAZING* YEAR! You're going to have a FANTASTIC FOURTH GRADE EXPERIENCE!

Reading allows you to travel the world (and back in time) with a variety of unique characters from the comfort of your home! If you're not a fan of reading, I hope you'll give me a chance this year to change your mind! My love for reading is **OUTRAGEOUS** and very **CONTAGIOUS!**

**Reading requirement:** Please choose a book that you have never read. Take the time to read it carefully, picture what is happening in your mind, and think deeply about the events. Be prepared to discuss your selection in class as well as complete an activity based on your book when we return to school. Your book must be at least 150 pages in length. **No graphic novels**, please.

I have provided a book list and websites to help you find a great book, but the selection is up to you. My goal is for you to love reading, so choose a book you will enjoy!

[Great Schools](#)

[Good Reads](#)

[Common Sense Media](#)

[Bookopolis](#)



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I would like to reserve the following books for class read alouds or novel studies. Students should not read these books over the summer:

*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo

*The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate

*Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate

*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls

*Bud, Not Buddy* Christopher Paul Curtis

*Wish* by Barbara O'Connor

*Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate

*Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo

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## 4th Grade Book Suggestions

### Nonfiction

*Elizabeth Blackwell: Girl Doctor* by Joanne Henry

*Helen Keller: From Tragedy to Triumph* by Katharine E. Wilkie

*Neil Armstrong: Young Flyer* by M. Dunham

*Jim Thorpe: Olympic Champion* by Guernsey Van Riper, Jr.

*Kid Scientists: True Tales of Childhood from Science Superstars* by David Stabler

*Kid Authors: True Tales of Childhood from Famous Writers* by David Stabler

### Fiction

*A Snicker of Magic* by Natalie Lloyd

*From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg

*Swindle* by Gordon Korman

*Fudge-A-Mania* by Judy Blume

*Jake and Lily* by Jerry Spinelli



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*The Secret Lake* by Karen Inglis  
*Absolutely Almost* by Lisa Graff  
*Skinnybones* by Barbara Park  
*No Talking* by Andrew Clements  
*Report Card* by Andrew Clements  
*Lunch Money* by Andrew Clements  
*Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin* by Liesl Shurtliff  
*Strawberry Girl* by Lois Lenski  
*The Terrible Two* by John Jory & Mac Barnett  
*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill  
*Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder  
*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

## **Adventure/Mystery**

*Room One: A Mystery or Two* by Andrew Clements  
*Bunnicula* by James Howe  
*Howliday Inn (Bunnicula)* by James Howe  
*The Celery Stalks at Midnight* by James Howe  
*The Boxcar Children* series by Gertrude Chandler Warner

## **Adventure/Fantasy**

*The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary  
*Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks  
*Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator* by Roald Dahl  
*The Book of Story Beginnings* by Kristin Kladstrup  
*Prince Caspian* by C.S. Lewis  
*The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo  
*The Borrowers* by Mary Norton  
*Circus Mirandus* by Cassie Beasley  
*Appleblossom the Possum* by Holly Goldberg Sloan  
*Magyk: Septimus Heap Book One* by Angie Sage  
*Bunnicula Meets Edgar Allan Crow* by James Howe  
*The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick  
*Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle* by Betty MacDonald  
*How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell

## **Sports**

Any book by Matt Christopher or Mike Lupica

