



# LAGRANGE ACADEMY

## *Summer Reading for Rising Fourth Graders*

Welcome to Fourth Grade! Get ready for an amazing year! You're going to have a fantastic fourth-grade experience!

We understand that your summer will be busy, but don't forget that reading can take you on adventures around the world and back in time, all from the comfort of your home. Even if you're not a big fan of reading, please give us a chance to change your mind! Our passion for reading is contagious!

### *Summer Reading Requirement*

Please select a book that you've never read before. Take your time to read it carefully, imaginatively picture the events in your mind, and contemplate the story deeply. Be ready to discuss your chosen book in class and complete an activity based on it when we return to school. Your book should be at least 150 pages long. No graphic novels, please.

We have compiled a list of book recommendations and provided websites to help you discover a wonderful book, but the ultimate choice is yours. Please select a book that you will truly enjoy!

### *Please Do Not Read These Books This Summer*

*Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo

*Bud, Not Buddy* Christopher Paul Curtis

*Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate

*Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo

*The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary

*The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate

*Wish* by Barbara O'Connor

*Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate

*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls

*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio



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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

*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

*Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder



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## **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**

*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