



Summer Reading for Rising Fourth Graders

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

Reading allows me to travel the world (and back in time) with a variety of unique characters from the comfort of my 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 Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

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

The Secret Lake by Karen Inglis

Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate

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

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Swindle by Gordon Korman

Fudge-A-Mania by Judy Blume



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Jake and Lily by Jerry Spinelli
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
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