



## Summer Reading List for Incoming 4<sup>th</sup> Graders

Dear Parents,

Summer vacation is here!! We hope that you make it a time to relax, rest and read, but above all enjoy the warm summer days!

Reading, like a sport, involves practice and skill. Reading skill building occurs when children read for pleasure, when children read "just right" books, that is, books that are not too hard or not too easy, and when children can explore books about those topics that interest them. The more they practice with someone's encouragement, suggestions and praise, the better and more confident readers they will become.

Here are some tips to encourage reading

1. Set aside a regular family reading and /or read aloud time
2. Read to your children, even the older ones
3. Recognize that your child's own choice and interests are important ingredients toward reading enjoyment.
4. Let your child see you reading for pleasure.
5. Don't forget to pack a book wherever you go this summer.
6. Participate in activities at the local library.

Attached please find the summer reading list for 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Each student is required to choose a book from the list, read it, and fill out the attached book report form. **The book report form will be due on the first day of school, August 24, 2017.**

Best wishes for a safe, happy, reading fun-filled summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sauto



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### **Books about 4th Grade**

#### ***Gloria Rising*** by Ann Cameron

Gloria is thrilled when she goes to the store to buy an onion and meets Dr. Grace Street, an astronaut. It's there that Dr. Street tells Gloria to have confidence in herself and that the big things aren't always as big as they seem. But Gloria doesn't really understand Dr. Street's advice. Right now her problem seems gigantic. It's the beginning of fourth grade and Gloria can't do anything to please her teacher Mrs. Yardley. When Gloria writes a report about meeting Dr. Street, Mrs. Yardley doesn't believe her. Gloria knows she's telling the truth. How can she prove it?

#### ***Frindle*** by Andrew Clements

It doesn't take long for **Frindle** to take root, and soon the excitement spreads well beyond his school and town. His parents and Mrs. Granger would like Nick to put an end to all this nonsense. But **Frindle** doesn't belong to Nick anymore. All he can do now is sit back and watch what happens.

### **Fiction—Realistic**

#### ***Shiloh*** by Phyllis Reynolds

When Marty Preston comes across a young beagle in the hills behind his home, it's love at first sight—and also big trouble.

#### ***Maniac Magee*** by Jerry Spinelli

Jeffrey Lionel "Maniac" Magee might have lived a normal life if a freak accident hadn't made him an orphan. After living with his unhappy and uptight aunt and uncle for eight years, he decides to run--and not just run away, but run. This is where the myth of Maniac Magee begins, as he changes the lives of a racially divided small town with his amazing and legendary feats.

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## ***Autobiographical Graphic Novel***

***Smile*** by Raina Telgemeier

Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after Girl Scouts she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth. What follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached. And on top of all that, there's still more to deal with: a major earthquake, boy confusion, and friends who turn out to be not so friendly.

## ***Fiction — Fantasy***

***The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread*** by Kate DiCamillo and Timothy B. Ering

A book about the adventures of a mouse named Despereaux Tilling, as he sets out on his quest to rescue a beautiful human princess from the rats.