

Summer Reading List for Incoming 4th 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

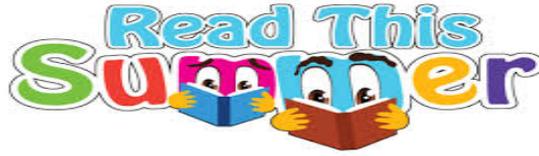
1. Set aside a regular family reading and /or read aloud time
2. Read to your children, even the older ones
3. Recognize that your child's own choice and interests are important ingredients toward reading enjoyment.
4. Let your child see you reading for pleasure.
5. Don't forget to pack a book wherever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

Attached please find the summer reading list for 4th grade. Each student is required to choose **ONE** book from the list, read it, and complete the attached book report form. **The book report form will be due on the first day of school, August 22, 2019. It must be typed, in complete sentences, and colored. Please use the provided form ~ this is the required size.**

Best wishes for a safe, happy, fun-filled reading 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?

Fiction—Realistic

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds

When he finds a mistreated beagle pup, 11-year-old Marty knows that the animal should be returned to its rightful owner. But he also realizes that the dog will only be further abused. So he doesn't tell his parents about his discovery, sneaks food for the dog and gets himself into a moral dilemma in trying to do the right thing.

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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Graphic Novel

The Misadventures of Max Crumbly: Locker Hero by Rachel Renee Russell

Max Crumbly is about to face the scariest place he's ever been: South Ridge Middle School. There's a lot that's great about his new school, but there's also one big problem—Doug, the school bully whose hobby is stuffing Max in his locker. If only Max could be like the hero in his favorite comics. Unfortunately, Max's uncanny, almost superhuman ability to smell pizza from a block away won't exactly save any lives or foil bad guys.

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

Welcome to the story of Despereaux Tilling, a mouse who is in love with music, stories, and a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness and covets a world filled with light. And it is the story of Miggery Sow, a slow-witted serving girl who harbors a simple, impossible wish. These three characters are about to embark on a journey that will lead them down into a horrible dungeon, up into a glittering castle, and, ultimately, into each other's lives. What happens then?