

## Recommended Summer Reading List Upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> Graders

<u>Category</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
<b>Realistic Fiction</b>	<b>The Year Mom Won the Pennant</b>	<b>Matt Christopher</b>
	The boys are all hesitant when one boy's mother is the only parent who volunteers to coach their Little League team, but there is quite a surprise in store for them.	
	<b>L610</b> <b>GRL-M</b>	
<b>Realistic Fiction</b>	<b>Frindle</b>	<b>Andrew Clements</b>
	When he decides to turn his teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.	
	<b>L830</b> <b>GRL-R</b>	
<b>Realistic Fiction</b>	<b>Million Dollar Shot</b>	<b>Dan Gutman</b>
	Eleven-year-old Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot at the National Basketball Association finals.	
	<b>L680</b> <b>GRL-S</b>	
<b>Realistic Fiction</b>	<b>Skinnybones</b>	<b>Barbara Park</b>
	Alex's active sense of humor helps him get along with the school braggart, make the most of his athletic talents, and simply get by in a hectic world.	
	<b>L590</b> <b>GRL-O</b>	
<b>Realistic Fiction</b>	<b>Because of Winn Dixie</b>	<b>Kate DiCamillo</b>
	Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, FL, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big, ugly dog Winn-Dixie.	
	<b>L610</b> <b>GRL-R</b>	
<b>Realistic Fiction</b>	<b>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</b>	<b>Judy Blume</b>
	Any fourth grader would agree that Peter Hatcher had a terrible problem -- his little brother, Fudge. But the grownups in Peter's life don't see it that way. Peter was always asked to perform so that Fudge would be less of a terror: like standing on his head so that Fudge would laugh. Peter was finding his brother harder and harder to take, and when Fudge got at his pet turtle, that was the living end.	
	<b>L470</b> <b>GRL-Q</b>	
<b>Historical Fiction</b>	<b>Courage of Sarah Noble</b>	<b>Alice Dalgliesh</b>
	Remembering her mother's words, an eight-year-old girl finds courage to go alone with her father to build a new home in the wilderness and to stay with the Indians when her father must go back to bring the rest of the family to their new home.	
	<b>L610</b> <b>GRL-O</b>	
<b>Historical Fiction</b>	<b>Matchlock Gun</b>	<b>Walter Edmonds</b>
	In 1756, during the French and Indian War in upper New York State, ten-year-old Edward is determined to protect his home and family with the ancient, and much too heavy, Spanish gun that his father had given him before leaving home to fight the enemy.	
	<b>L860</b> <b>GRL-P</b>	

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<b>Historical Fiction</b>	<b>Little House on the Prairie</b>	<b>Laura Ingalls Wilder</b>
	The story of the pioneering Ingalls family and how they moved West in a covered wagon to build a new home on the Kansas prairie.	
	L760 GRL-Q	
<b>Historical Fiction</b>	<b>Westward to Home: Joshua's Oregon Trail Diary</b>	<b>Patricia Hermes</b>
	In 1848, nine-year-old Joshua writes a journal of his family's journey from Missouri to Oregon in a covered wagon.	
	L320 GRL-O	
<b>Mystery/Adventure</b>	<b>Help! I'm a Prisoner In the Library</b>	<b>Eth Clifford</b>
	Two girls spend an adventurous night trapped inside the public library during a terrible blizzard.	
	L630 GRL-Q	
<b>Mystery/Adventure</b>	<b>Boxcar Children</b>	<b>Gertrude Warner</b>
	Four orphans, two boys and two girls, set up housekeeping in an old boxcar.	
	L490 GRL-O	
<b>Mystery/Adventure</b>	<b>Boy of a Thousand Faces</b>	<b>Brian Selznick</b>
	Obsessed with horror films, ten-year-old Alonzo dreams of transforming himself into "The Boy of a Thousand Faces" and he gets his wish in an unexpected way.	
	L790 GRL-T	
<b>Mystery/Adventure</b>	<b>Farewell My Lunch Bag</b>	<b>Bruce Hale</b>
	When fourth-grade private eye Chet Gecko is called to catch someone who is stealing food from the school cafeteria, he finds himself framed for the crime.	
	L520 GRL-O	
<b>Mystery/Adventure</b>	<b>Who Cloned the President</b>	<b>Ron Roy</b>
	KC discovers that the President of the United States has been replaced by a clone and sets out with her friend Marshall, on a dangerous mission to set things right.	
	L340 GRL-M	
<b>Mystery/Adventure</b>	<b>Case of the Elevator Duck</b>	<b>Polly Berends</b>
	Chronicles the adventures of an eleven-year-old detective which started when he found a duck in the elevator of his apartment building.	
	L700 GRL-M	

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<b>Science Fic./Fantasy</b>	<b>Chocolate Touch</b>	<b>Patrick Catling</b>
	A boy's lips turn everything they touch into chocolate.	
	L770 GRL-N	

**Science Fic./Fantasy Magician’s Boy** **Susan Cooper**  
 A boy who works for a magician meets familiar fairy tale characters when he is transported to the Land of Story in search of a missing puppet.  
**L780**  
**GRL-Q**

**Science Fic./Fantasy Sideways Stories From Wayside School** **Louis Sachar**  
 Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.  
**L460**  
**GRL-P**

**Science Fic./Fantasy Summer Reading is Killing Me** **Jon Scieszka**  
 At the beginning of summer vacation, Joe, Sam, and Fred find themselves trapped inside their summer reading list of well-known children’s books.  
**L610**  
**GRL-N**

**Science Fic./Fantasy My Robot Buddy** **Alfred Slote**  
 For his tenth birthday, Jack wants a robot so he’ll have someone to play with every day.  
**L610**  
**GRL-R**

**Science Fic./Fantasy Help! I’m Trapped in My Teacher’s Body** **Todd Strasser**  
 To his dismay, Jake Sherman suddenly finds he has turned into Mr. Dirksen, his dorky, weird teacher, and no one will believe him but his sister.  
**L600**  
**GRL-Q**

**Non-Fiction Rosa** **Nikki Giovanni**  
 Provides the story of Rosa Parks, the African-American woman whose refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Alabama set in motion all the events of the civil rights movements that resulted in the end of the segregated South.  
**L900**  
**GRL-T**

**Non-Fiction So You Want To Be an Inventor** **Judith St. George**  
 Presents some of the characteristics of inventors by describing the inventions of people such as Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison, and Eli Whitney.  
**L840**  
**GRL-S**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
<b>Non-Fiction</b>	<b>Eleanor Roosevelt: First Lady Of the World</b>	<b>Doris Faber</b>
	A moving portrait of one of America’s most popular first ladies. <b>L1040</b> <b>GRL-R</b>	
<b>Non-Fiction</b>	<b>Walt Whitman: Words for America</b>	<b>Barbara Kerley</b>
	A biography of the American poet whose compassion led him to nurse soldiers during the Civil War, to give voice to the nation’s grief at Lincoln’s assassination, and to capture the true American spirit in verse. <b>L970</b> <b>GRL-R</b>	

**Non-Fiction**

**Harvesting Hope: The Story of  
Cesar Chavez**      **Kathleen Krull**

A biography of Cesar Chavez, from age ten when he and his family lived happily on their Arizona ranch, to age thirty-eight when he led a peaceful protest against California migrant workers' miserable working conditions.

**L800**  
**GRL-R**

**Biography:**

**Who Was... Series**

Who Was? and What Was? series of nonfiction books offers kid-friendly accounts of important historical events and famous figures.

**I Am... Series**

A brand-new biography series featuring some of the most important people from history and today.

**Fantasy/Fairy Tale:**

**Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin**

**Liesl Shurtliff**

This funny fractured fairy tale goes behind the scenes of Rumpelstiltskin.

**GRL-T**

**Fiction:**

**The Magician's Elephant**

**Kate DiCamillo**

In this timeless fable, she evokes the largest of themes — hope and belonging, desire and compassion — with the lightness of a magician's touch.

**GRL-U**

**Bride to Terabithia**

**Katherine Patterson**

This Newbery Medal-winning novel by bestselling author Katherine Paterson is a modern classic of friendship and loss.

**GRL-T**

**Summer According to Humphrey**

**Betty G. Birney**

When Humphrey hears that school is ending, he can't believe his ears. What's a classroom hamster to do if there's no more school?

**GRL-P**

**Because of Winn Dixie**

**Kate DiCamillo**

One summer's day, ten-year-old India Opal Buloni goes down to the local supermarket for some groceries — and comes home with a dog. But Winn-Dixie is no ordinary dog.

**GRL- R**

**Fourth- Grade Fuss**

**Johanna Hurwitz**

Yard sales, ice-skating, and surprise parties are just a few of the things that make fourth grade fun.

**GRL-P**

### **Fourth Grade Rats**

**Jerry Spinelli**

Last year Suds was a Third Grade Angel, but now... it's time to be a Fourth Grade Rat!

Fourth graders are tough. They aren't afraid of spiders. They say no to their moms. They push first graders off the swings. And they never, ever cry.

**GRL-Q**

### **The Lemonade War**

**Jacqueline Davis**

Fourth-grader Evan Treski is people-smart. He's good at talking with people, even grownups. His younger sister, Jessie, on the other hand, is math-smart, but not especially good with people. So when the siblings' lemonade stand war begins, there really is no telling who will win—or even if their fight will ever end.

**GRL-R**

### **Nonfiction:**

**Social Studies:** Native Americans (Inuit, Kwakiutl, Nez Perce, Hopi, Pawnee, Seminole); Explorers (John Cabot, Vasco Nunez de Balboa, Juan Ponce de Leon, Christopher Columbus, Henry Hudson, Jacques Cartier); colonies, French and Indian War, Declaration of Independence, American Revolution, King George III, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Bill of Rights, War of 1812, Lewis and Clark, Harriet Tubman, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Sojourner Truth, functions of the government

**Science:** Solar System- planets, stars, the moon; water cycle; weather and climate; light and sound; force and motion; simple machines; ecosystems

**Favorite Authors/Series:** *Books by these authors or in these series vary in level by titles. Use <http://www.booksource.com/> or <http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/> to support you in looking up levels.*

Gail Gibbons  
Jerry Pallotta  
Melvin Berger  
Steven Jenkins  
Jim Arnosky  
Seymour Simon  
Nicola Davies  
Barbara Taylor  
Nic Bishop

Who Would Win Series...- Jerry Pallotta  
True or False Series- Melvin Berger  
National Geographic Kids Readers Series Level 3  
Disgusting Critter Series – Elise Gravel  
DK (Eyewitness) Readers Level 4 and above – various authors  
Where Is Series... – various authors

## **Series Books**

Big Nate- Lincoln Peirce (R-S)  
My Weirder School – Dan Gutman (N-P)  
Athlete vs Mathlete – W. C. Mack (T)  
I Survived- Lauren Tarshis  
Judy Moody – Megan McDonald (M)  
Fish Finelli – E. S. Farber (Q-R)  
Clementine- Sara Pennypacker (O-Q)  
Hank Zipper – Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver (R)  
Ramona Quimby- Beverly Clearly (O)  
Jake Drake – Andrew Clements (M-O)  
Dear America – various authors  
The Fudge Books – Judy Blume (Q-R)  
George Brown, Class Clown – Nancy Krulik (P-R)  
Sophie Series – Lara Bergen ( P)  
My Weird School – Dan Gutman (O)  
Katie Kazoo – Nancy Krulik (M-P)  
Stink – Megan McDonald (M)

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