

Summer Reading: 4th Grade

Dear Students and Parents,

This summer all rising 4th graders must read *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davis.

The required novel provides an opportunity for fourth graders to share a common reading experience and serves as a jumping off point for classroom activities at the beginning of the school year.

All students will complete an in-class activity related to the book listed above during the first few weeks of the 2017-2018 school year.

In lieu of a second required text, all students are encouraged to study their multiplication facts from 0s to 10s throughout the summer.

Students should be prepared to complete an in-class activity to apply multiplication facts during the first few weeks of school.

Summer is a wonderful time to read for pleasure and enrichment. A suggested title list is included as one possible source of reading guidance in choosing additional books to explore beyond the required novel. Award-winning and “too good to miss” titles are included to appeal to the broad range of interests, maturity levels, and reading abilities of our students, with suggestions coming from students, teachers, and librarians.

Can students read books that are not listed here? OF COURSE! The important thing is to read, read, read!

We hope that summer reading will bring many hours of enjoyment and encourage the life-long love of reading!

How to Tell if a Book is Just Right for You

When you start to read a book, ask yourself three questions:

- 1. Can I understand it?***
- 2. Can I talk about it?***
- 3. Do I love it?***

If you can say “yes” to all three questions, you should read the book! If you say “no” to one or more questions, it may be time to abandon the book and look for another one.

Suggested Titles

Narrative Texts

The End of the Beginning		Avi
The Penderwicks		Birdsall
The SOS File		Byars
Room One	and books by	Clements
Wonderstruck	and books by	Selznick
Granny Torelli Makes Soup	and books by	Creech
Halfback Attack	and books by	Christopher
Salsa Stories		Delacre
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	and books by	DiCamillo
Spiderwick Chronicles (series)		DiTerlizzi
My Side of the Mountain		George
Just Juice		Hesse
One Small Dog		Hurwitz
The Year of the Dog		Lin
Shiloh (series)	and books by	Naylor
Here Lies the Librarian	and books by	Peck
Stuart Little	and books by	White
Nancy Drew (series)		Keene
Hardy Boys (series)		Dixon
The Mysterious Benedict Society		Stewart
Hoot		Hiaasen
Holes	and books by	Sachar
The Weird School Series	and books by	Gutman
The Watsons go to Birmingham	and books by	Curtis
Whittington	and books by	Armstrong
The Giant Rat of Sumatra	and books by	Fleishman
The Preachers' Boy	and books by	Paterson
The Lightning Thief (series)	and books by	Riordan
Charlie Bone (series)	and books by	Nimmo
The Sisters Grimm (series)	and books by	Buckley
Freak the Mighty	and books by	Philbrick

Poetry Authors

Mary Ann Hoberman	Dean Walter Myers
Douglas Florian	X. J. Kennedy
Shel Silverstein	Jack Prelutsky
Calef Brown	Jane Yolen

Informational Texts

The Everything Kids' Human Body Book	Amsel
Jurassic Poop: What Dinosaurs Left Behind	Berkowitz
How to Really Fool Yourself: Illusions for Senses	Cobb
The Book of Potentially Catastrophic Science	Connolly
The Book of Perfectly Perilous Math	Connolly
Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story...	Fleischman
Can't You Make them Behave, King George?	Fritz
I Wish I Knew That Math: Cool Stuff You Need to Know	Goldsmith
Astronomy (Basher Science books)	Green
The Lives of Extraordinary Women	Hewitt
Unlikely Friendships (Animal Friendships)	Holland
Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story...	Fleischman
The American Flag	Landau
Survivor Kid: A Practical Guide to Wilderness Sur...	Long
Oh, Rats! The Story of Rats and People	Marrin
The Ancient Maya	Perl
The Ancient Aztecs	Sonneborn
George vs. George: The American Revolution	Schanzer
Wired	Suen
Behind the Blue and Gray	Ray
Snakes	Simon
You Just Can't Help It! (Wild, Wacky Human Behav...)	Szpirglas
Mummies: The Newest, Coolest, & Creepiest	Tanaka
Sitting Bull's Tomahawk (Stories of Great People)	Bailey
Budgeting: How Economics Works	Donovan
Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inve...	Thimmesh
Insects: An Extraordinary World Revealed Up Close	Viewfinder

Series of Informational Texts That Are Really Good

National Geographic Kids	Smithsonian
Interactive History Adventures	Stories of Great People
Time for Kids Biographies	Sterling Biographies
A Wicked History	The Split History of...