

## 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**

**Category** **Title** **Author**

**Non-Fiction Eleanor Roosevelt: First Lady Of the World** **Doris Faber**  
 A moving portrait of one of America’s most popular first ladies.  
**L1040**  
**GRL-R**

**Non-Fiction Walt Whitman: Words for America** **Barbara Kerley**  
 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.  
**L970**  
**GRL-R**

## **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**

## **Series Books**

### **Ramona Quimby Series**

### **Beverly Cleary**

Nine-year-old Beezus Quimby has her hands full with her little sister, Ramona. Sure, other people have little sisters that bother them sometimes, but is there anyone in the world like Ramona? Whether she's taking one bite out of every apple in a box or secretly inviting 15 other 4-year-olds to the house for a party, Ramona is always making trouble--and getting all the attention.

### **Jake Drake Series**

### **Andrew Clements**

### **Dear America Series**

### **The Fudge Books**

### **George Brown, Class Clown**

### **Hank Zipper**

### **Sophie Series**

### **My Weird School Daze**

### **Katie Kazoo Series**

### **Candy Apple**

### **Beacon Street Girls**