The Galloway School

Fourth Grade Summer Reading List

Language Arts and Social

 Summer is a wonderful time to explore many new places and adventures. Some of this exploring may be done in books. This summer your reading selections for language arts and social studies are the following:

**Language Arts:**

Inside Out and Back *Again*  Thanhha Lai

 For all ten years of her life, Ha has only known Saigon; the thrills of its market, the joy of its traditions, the warmth of her friends close by…the beauty of her very own papaya tree. But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. Ha and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed towards hope in America. Ha discovers the foreign world of Alabama: the coldness of its strangers, the dullness of its food, the strange shape of its landscape. .and the strength of her very own family. This is the moving story of one girl’s year of change, dreams, grief and healing as she journeys from one country to another, one life to the next.

Bud, Not Buddy Christopher Paul Curtis

 It’s 1936, in Flint, Michigan. Times may be hard and ten year old Bud may be a motherless boy on the run, but Bud’s got a few things going for him:

1. He has his own suitcase filled with his own important, secret things.
2. He is the author of Bud Caldwell’s Rules and Things for Having a Funner Life and Making a Better Liar out of Yourself
3. 3. His momma never told him who his father was, but she left a clue: flyers of Herman E. Calloway and his famous band, the Dusky Devastators of the Depression!!!!

Bud gets an idea that those flyers will lead to his father. Once he decides to hit the road and find the mystery man, nothing can stop him..not hunger, not fear, not vampires, not even Herman E. Calloway himself

These 2 books are to be read by the first day of school in August. They will used in activities during the first two weeks of school and will be the basis of your first grades of the year. There are no summer activities to be completed with these books, just read, enjoy and be ready to discuss.

**Social Studies:**

Make Way for Sam Houston Jean Fritz

 The subject of this biography is Sam Houston, my hero. Sam Houston, like Texas, was bigger than life. His vision and determination helped Texas become part of the United States. The book shares the major life events of the character who gave the city of Houston its name and whose name was the first word spoken on the moon….wow!! Yet he was not perfect, so the book shares his strengths and weaknesses.

**Project:**

As you read the biography, mark events in the book which you feel were the most important in his life. You may mark the events by highlighting as you read and using tabs to locate specific events and dates. Place the event and date on the tab for easy location. Bring your book with marked tabs on the first day of school. **During the first week of school we will use the book and tabs to list the 20 most important events in his life. We will then use the list to make a timeline in class.**