



Dear Rising Fourth Graders,

Happy summer! I look forward to starting fourth grade with you in August. In order to keep all the wonderful skills you gained in third grade, you will be asked to complete a summer math book (provided), as well as the following summer reading assignments. Reading is a wonderful way to learn about different cultures, people, time periods, experiences, as well as ignite our imaginations! I have put together reading journals to use over the summer and we will use these throughout fourth grade as well.

You should read at least **THREE** chapter books over the summer. One of the books is REQUIRED to be read by the entire class -- we will start our discussions about literature with these books. You will complete a journal entry (form PROVIDED!) for **EACH** book. I have included extra sheets for additional books you may read, so your journal will be off to a great start!

You will choose one of the four required books. They are *Frindle*, by Andrew Clements, *Nim's Island* by Wendy Orr, *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster and *Rickshaw Girl* by Mitali Perkins. These books are classics and I hope you enjoy them! The other two books are to be chapter books of your choice. Please complete journal entries for these two books as well. A list of recommended titles, authors, and series are on the BSS school website -- fourth grade.

Finally, if you get a chance, please send me a postcard, letter, or email from an adventure you have this summer. You don't have to go anywhere and you can make your postcard -- just share a fun experience you had. Please send to:

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Alexandria, VA 22302

ALL summer work is due the first day back to school.
please be sure you have:

*Summer Math Book

*Summer reading journals (with **AT LEAST THREE** entries!)

ENJOY your summer and I can't wait to start fourth grade with you!

"I just read an incredible book!"

The title of the book is: _____

The author is: _____

The genre is: _____

Four (4) NEW vocabulary words are:

WORD:

DEFINITION:

This book is

about: _____

Response: _____



A worksheet template for drawing and writing. It features a large rectangular box at the top for drawing, followed by five horizontal dashed lines for writing. The entire content is enclosed in a double-line border.

Draw a favorite scene from your book and explain what is happening in the drawing.

Sentence Starters:

***Use one (or more!) of these sentence starters to help guide your response to the books you read over the summer.**

I noticed...

I believe...

I have a question about...

I did not understand...

I agree with...

I disagree with...

In my opinion...

I wonder why...

I wonder what would happen if...

I liked...

I disliked...

The title fits the story because...

The setting fit the story because...

My favorite character was _____, because...

My favorite scene was _____, because...

My LEAST favorite character was _____, because...

Based on _____, I think...

****Remember to "Rate" your book by coloring in the smiley face that illustrates your opinion****



4th Grade Summer Reading



Below is a list of suggested authors, book series, or book titles for 4th grade summer reading. Feel free to read what interests you as this is not meant to be a complete reading list.

Suggested Authors:	Suggested Series:
Judy Blume Beverly Cleary Andrew Clements Roald Dahl Kate DiCamillo Dan Gutman Jeff Kinney Gordon Korman Lois Lowry Mike Lupica Mary Pope Osborne Gary Paulsen Dav Pilkey Rick Riordan Barbara Robinson J.K. Rowling Louis Sachar Jerry Spinelli R.L. Stine E.B. White Laura Ingalls Wilder	The Percy Jackson series The Red Wall series Great Illustrated Classics My Side of the Mountain series The 39 Clues series Judy Moody series Justin Case series Nancy Drew Hardy Boys Encyclopedia Brown The Last Dogs: The Vanishing "I Survived..." series "I Am..." series "Who Was...?" series



Suggested Books:

- *Shiloh*
- *Because of Winn Dixie*
- *Island of the Blue Dolphin*
- *The Lemonade War*
- *Bridge to Terabithia*
- *Summer According to Humphrey*
- *Stick Dog*
- *Precious Bones*
- *Tracing Stars*
- *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*
- *The Incredible Journey*
- *The Boxcar Children*
- *Bud, Not Buddy*
- *Riley Mack and the Other Known Troublemakers*
- *Kneeknock Rise*
- *Three Times Lucky*
- *Elijah of Buxton*
- *Al Capone Does My Shirts*
- *Ella Enchanted*
- *Rascal*
- *Matilda*
- *Number the Stars*
- *Pippi Longstocking*
- *Rules*
- *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*
- *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*
- *The Secret Garden*
- *The Whipping Boy*
- *Tuck Everlasting*
- *Love That Dog*
- *Pie*
- *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*
- *Lawn Boy*
- *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda*
- *Swindle*