

Summer Reading List for Students Entering Fourth Grade

Students should read a minimum of five books. Selections must represent at least three different genre categories. Please remember that the titles listed are simply suggestions. Your child may choose to read others of similar length and level of difficulty based on personal interest.

Fiction Selections

Fantasy

Author Title

Avi Evreth's Birthday
Poppy
Poppy and Rye
Ragweed
T. A. Barron Heartlight
Brian Jacques The Redwall series
Eva Ibbotson The Beasts of Clawstone Castle
Island of the Aunts
The Secret of Platform 13
Kathryn Lasky Guardians of Ga'hoole series
George Selden The Cricket in Times Square
Lemony Snicket A Series of Unfortunate Events series

Historical Fiction

Author Title

Avi Nothing But the Truth
Patricia Beatty Charley Skedaddle
Claire Bishop Twenty and Ten
Alice Dalgliesh The Courage of Sarah Noble
Kathryn Karr The Great Turkey Walk

Humor

Author Title

John D. Fitzgerald The Great Brain series
Kathryn Karr The Great Turkey Walk
Robert McCloskey Homer Price
Megan McDonald Judy Moody series

Mystery

Author Title

Gertrude Chandler Warner Boxcar Children series
Elizabeth Winthrop Castle in the Attic
Battle for the Castle

Realistic Fiction

Author Title

Judy Blume Double Fudge
Bruce Brooks Everywhere
Andrew Clements The Landry News
Room One: A Mystery or Two
A Week in the Woods
Joan Hiatt Harlow Thunder from the Sea
Elaine Konigsburg The View from Saturday
Megan McDonald Judy Moody series
Katherine Paterson The Field of Dogs
Robert Smith The War with Grandpa

Poetry Selections

Author Title

Rebecca Kai Dotlich Lemonade Sun: and Other Summer Poems
Paul Fleischman Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices
John Hegley My Dog is a Carrot
Tony Johnston The Ancestors Are Singing
Bruce Lansky A Bad Case of Giggles: Kids' Favorite Funny Poems
Miles of Smiles (Kids Pick the Funniest Poems Book)
Jack Prelutsky Something Big Has Been Here

Non-Fiction Selections

Biography/Autobiography

Author Title

Robert Burleigh Flight: The Journey of Charles Lindbergh
Robert Coles The Story of Ruby Bridges
Barbara Cooney Eleanor [Roosevelt]
Margaret Davidson Helen Keller's Teacher [Annie Sullivan]
Kathleen V. Kudlinski Rachel Carson: Pioneer of Ecology
Anne Rockwell Only Passing Through, The Story of Sojourner Truth
Pam Munoz Ryan When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson
Victoria Sherrow Benjamin Franklin (History Makers Bios)
Diane Stanley Michelangelo

General Non-Fiction

Author Title

John P. Ashley Arithmetickle

Jane Goodall With Love: Ten Heartwarming Stories of Chimpanzees in the Wild

Elizabeth Cody Kimmel Balto and the Great Race

Kathleen Krull Lives of the Athletes

Kathryn Lasky The Librarian Who Measured the Earth

Claudia Logan 5,000 Year-old Puzzle

Betsy Maestro A More Perfect Union: The Story of Our Constitution

Michael Rosen Down to Earth

Judith St. George So You Want to Be President?

Gregory Tang The Grapes of Math

Mind-Stretching Math Riddles

Jonah Winter Fair Ball! 14 Great Stars from Baseball's Negro Leagues