



Shelton School & Evaluation Center, Summer 2020 Fascinating Books for Students Entering 4th Grade

Students in the same grade read at many different levels. This list includes suggested authors, titles, and series to help parents and students choose books that match reading levels, interests, and family values. Researchers have found that children are more likely to finish books they choose. They also have proven that reading 15-20 minutes a day helps prevent “Summer Slide.” Young people who practice reading maintain and build their skills.

The UE Division requires all incoming fourth graders to **read for 15 minutes every day** and to **document that information on the Reading Log**. In addition, **students are required to read or listen to one book** that has not been read previously. Afterwards, students will **write/dictate a short summary** using the Summer Reading form. Other reading is free choice and might include books, audiobooks, magazines, graphic novels, recipes, and instructions. Possibilities for how to read include reading silently, reading to someone else, reading while listening to the audiobook, or listening to an older sibling or adult read.

We hope students will choose reading material that they like and find challenging. Your children may choose from the list below, which offers many levels and types of fiction and nonfiction.

Please note: Many of the titles below are available in audio formats. An asterisk (*) means that it is available in audio. Reading Level (RL) is approximate and is taken from Follett’s Titlewave.com website.

Check with your public library to listen to free audiobooks as part of their **Overdrive** program. Many audiobook titles may be purchased from audible.com, which is owned by Amazon and which offers a free, one-month trial.

Chapter Books:

Applegate, Katherine. **The One and Only Ivan*** (Fantasy) RL 3.6
Applegate, Katherine. **Crenshaw*** (Realistic Fantasy) RL 3.7
Blume, Judy. **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*** (Humor) RL 3.7
Bauer, Marion. **Little Dog, Lost** (Realistic, Poetry Format) RL 4.4
Broach, Elise. **James to the Rescue** (Animal Fantasy) RL 2.1
Carris, Joan. **Wild Times at the Bed & Biscuit*** (Animal Fantasy) RL 4.5
Clements, Andrew. **Frindle*** (Realistic) RL 4.8
DiCamillo, Kate. **The Tale of Despereaux*** (Fantasy) RL 4.1
Grimes, Nikki. **Words with Wings*** (Realistic, Poetry Format) RL 4.3
Henkes, Kevin. **The Year of Billy Miller*** (Realistic) RL 4.3
MacLachlan, Patricia. **White Fur Flying** (Realistic) RL 3.1
Mass, Wendy & Stead, Rebecca. **Bob*** (Fantasy) RL 5.6
Medina, Juana. **Juana & Lucas*** (Realistic) RL 3.6
Peterson, P.J. **Wild River** (Adventure) RL 3.3
Philbrick, Rodman. **Wildfire*** (Adventure) RL 4.4
Sloan, Holly Goldberg. **Appleblossom the Possum*** (Adventure) RL 4.9
Willems, Mo. **The Story of Diva and Flea** (Animal Fantasy) RL 4.3

Series: Animal or Toy Main Characters:

Birney, Betty G. **According to Humphrey*** (Animal Fantasy) RL 4.0+
Birney, Betty G. **Humphrey's Tiny Tales** (Friendship) RL 2.9 - 3.4
Bruehl, Nick. **Bad Kitty** (Humor) RL 2.3 - 4.2
Butler, Dori Hillestad. **The Buddy Files** (Dog Detective) RL 2.9 - 3.0
Cronin, Doreen. **Chicken Squad*** (Humor) RL 3.2 - 4.0

Elliott, Rebecca. **Branches: Owl Diaries** (Friendship) RL 2.2+
Hayes, Geoffrey. **Benny and Penny** (Graphic Novel) RL 1.3
Howe, Deborah and James. **Bunnacula*** (Animal Fantasy) RL 4.4+
Jenkins, Emily. **Toys Go Out*** (Fantasy) RL 3.7 - 3.9
Speck, Katie. **Maybelle** (Friendship, Adventure) RL 2.8 – 3.2

Series: Humor

Barnett, Mac. **The Terrible Two*** (Humor) RL 4.5+
DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson*** (Humor) RL 2.5 - 3.1
DiCamillo, Kate. **Tales from Deckawoo Drive*** (Humor) RL 2.3 - 3.6
Hanlon, Abby. **Dory Fantasmagory*** (Realistic with Fantasy) RL 1.8 - 3.2
Klise, Kate. **The Three Ring Rascals*** (Realistic) RL 3.2 - 3.9
Look, Lenore. **Alvin Ho*** (Realistic, Humor) RL 3.7+
McDonald, Megan. **Stink*** (Realistic, Humor) RL 2.4 - 3.6
Nolan, Lucy. **Down Girl and Sit** (Humor, Adventure) RL 2.4+
Sachar, Louis. **Marvin Redpost*** (Humor) RL 2.5 - 3.6
Sachar, Louis. **Wayside School*** (Humor) RL 3.9
Winkler, Henry & Oliver, Lin. **Here's Hank** (Dyslexia/Humor) 3.9

Series: Adventure and Mystery

(Various authors) **The 39 Clues*** (Mystery) RL 5.0+
Butler, Dori Hillestad. **King and Kayla*** (Mystery) 1.4+
Gutman, Dan. **Genius Files*** (Adventure) RL 4.8 - 6.0
Gutman, Dan. **Baseball Card Adventure*** (Time-Travel) RL 3.9 - 4.7
Johnson, Terry Lynn. **Survivor Diaries** (Adventure) RL 3.6 - 3.9
Mlynowski, Sarah. **Whatever After*** (Fantasy) RL 3.0+
Osborne, Mary Pope. **Magic Tree House*** (Time-travel) RL 3.4 - 5.0
Riordan, Rick. Any Riordan book in one of his series.
Roy, Ron. **A to Z Mysteries (Some in audio)** (Mystery) RL 3.0 - 4.2
Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. **Nate the Great*** (Mystery) RL 2.1 - 3.4
Smith, Cleve Barrett. **Intergalactic Bed & Breakfast*** (Sci Fi) RL 5.5+

Sobol, Donald. **Encyclopedia Brown*** (Mystery) RL 4.0 - 4.9
Tarshis, Lauren. **I Survived*** (Historical) RL 3.5 - 4.6
Warner, Gertrude Chandler. **Boxcar Children*** (Mystery) RL 3.0 - 5.9

Series: Realistic:

Barrows, Annie. **Ivy and Bean*** (Friendship) RL 3.2+
Brown, Monica. **Lola Levine** (Realistic) RL 3.4 - 4.0
Florence, Debbi Michiko. **Jasmine Toguchi** (Family) RL 2.0 - 3.1
Grimes, Nikki. **Dyamonde Daniel*** (Friendship) RL 2.2 - 3.9
Haas, Jessie. **Bramble and Maggie** (Friendship, Horses) RL 1.9+
Kelly, David A. **Most Valuable Players (MVP)*** (Sports, Realistic) RL 3.5
Lagercrantz, Rose. **My Happy Life** series (Realistic) RL 2.1+
Lupica, Mike. **The Zach & Zoe Mysteries*** (Sports, Mystery) RL 3.6 - 4.0
McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody*** (Realistic) RL 3.0 - 4.0
McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody and Friends** (Friendship) RL 2.2+
Medina, Juana. **Juana & Lucas*** (Realistic, Humor) RL 2.9
Potter, Ellen. **Piper Green*** (Realistic) RL 3.0 - 4.6
Warner, Sally. **EllRay Jakes*** (Realistic, School) RL 2.5 - 4.8

Biography:

(Various Authors) **Who Is, Who Was, or What Is?** series
(Some available in audio) RL 3.8 - 6.2
DePaola, Tommy. **26 Fairmount Avenue*** RL 4.4
Kehret, Peggy. **Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio*** RL 5.2
Levy, Debbie. **I Dissent - Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark** RL 2.4
Meltzer, Brad. **Ordinary People Change the World** series.
(Some available in audio) RL 2.3+
Sanchez Vega, Ma Isabel. **Little People Big Dreams** series. RL 2.4 - 4.6