

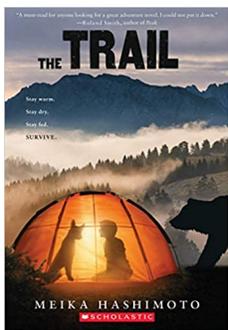
FOURTH GRADE

Summer Reading 2020



Incoming Fourth Grade students are required to read **5 books**. They do not have to read all of the books on their own—parents, older siblings, etc. can read to them! There is one required title which everyone must read—the other four books are free choice. ***Please read the required title in August***—that way the story will be fresh in your mind for the start of fourth grade! You and your classmates will discuss the book and have a related writing assignment.

REQUIRED READING FOR INCOMING FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS:



The Trail by Meika Hashimoto

From the publisher - Toby has to finish the final thing on The List. It's a list of brave, daring, totally awesome things that he and his best friend, Lucas, planned to do together, and the only item left is to hike the Appalachian Trail. But now Lucas isn't there to do it with him. Toby's determined to hike the trail alone and fulfill their pact, which means dealing with the little things -- the blisters, the heat, the hunger -- and the big things -- the bears, the loneliness, and the memories. When a storm comes, Toby finds himself tangled up in someone else's mess: Two boys desperately need his help. But does Toby have any help to give? *The Trail* is a remarkable story of physical survival and true friendship, about a boy who's determined to forge his own path -- and to

survive.

Suggested Reading:

Baddiel, David. *The Parent Agency.*

Barry Bennett is sick of his parents. They're boring, they're too strict, and it's their fault his name is *Barry*. So he makes a wish for better ones—and is whisked away to the Parent Agency, where kids get to pick out their perfect parents.

Brown, Peter. *The Wild Robot.*

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.

Clements, Andrew. *The Report Card.*

Nora Rose Rowley is a genius, but don't tell anyone. She's managed to make it to the fifth grade without anyone figuring out that she's not just an ordinary kid, and she wants to keep it that way. But then Nora gets fed up with the importance everyone attaches to test scores and grades, and she purposely brings home a terrible report card just to prove a point. Suddenly the attention she's successfully avoided all her life is focused on her, and her secret is out. And that's when things start to get really complicated.

Conner, Leslie. *Crunch.*

Dewey Marriss is stuck in the middle of a crunch. He never guessed that the gas pumps would run dry the same week he promised to manage the family's bicycle repair business. Suddenly everyone needs a bike and nobody wants to wait. Dewey's parents are stranded far to the north

with an empty fuel tank and no way home. It's up to Dewey and his older sister, Lil to take care of their siblings and run the Bike Barn where business gets crazier everyday. Then parts start to go missing from the shop and Dewey is sure he knows who is responsible...or does he?

Creech, Sharon. *Hate that Cat.*

Jack is studying poetry again in school, and he continues to write poems reflecting his understanding of famous works and how they relate to his life.

Feldman, Jody. *The Golly-Whopper Games.*

Gil Goodson's future happiness depends on winning the Golly Toy & Game Company's ultimate competition. If Gil wins, his dad has promised that the family can move away from all the gossip, false friends, and bad press that have plagued them ever since "The Incident". Inside the toy company's fantastic headquarters, Gil will have to master trivia, solve puzzles, and complete physical stunts—and he'll have to do better than all of the other kids competing. Oh, and did we mention that Gil's every step—and every mistake—will be broadcast on national television?

Grabenstein, Chris. *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library.*

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous game maker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.

Hale, Nathan. *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: The Underground Abductor.*

Relates, in graphic novel format, the story of Araminta Ross, who was born a slave in Delaware but eventually escaped north to freedom. Changing her name to Harriet Tubman, she became an "abductor" on the Underground Railroad, risking her life to help other slaves reach freedom.

Larwood, Kieran. *Podkin One-Ear.*

In a fantasy world of anthropomorphic rabbits, Podkin and his siblings must go on the run when the villainous Gorm invade their home and enslave their clan. Facing pursuit and treachery at every turn, they must find allies and refuge if they are to survive-and fight to reclaim their world from the Gorm scourge.

Lloyd, Natalie. *A Snicker of Magic.*

The Pickles are new to Midnight Gulch, Tennessee, a town which legend says was once magic--but Felicity is convinced the magic is still there, and with the help of her new friend Jonah the Beedle, she hopes to bring the magic back.

Mass, Wendy. *The Candymakers. (series)*

Four children have been chosen to compete in a national competition to find the tastiest confection in the country. Who will invent a candy more delicious than the Oozing Crunchorama or the Neon Lightning Chew?

Peers, Bobbie. *William Wenton and the Impossible Puzzle.*

After his grandfather vanishes, William and his family move to Norway where he is told to hide his puzzle-solving talents, but when he solves the Impossible Puzzle at the museum, things begin to go wrong and he is sent to a strange school.

Selznick, Brian. *The Houdini Box.*

A chance encounter with Harry Houdini leaves a small boy in possession of a mysterious box--one that might hold the secrets to the greatest magic tricks ever performed.