



**Summer Reading for Rising 4th Grade  
Summer of 2021**

**We hope to see each rising fourth-grade student come prepared and ready to discuss the following:**

1. Emmanuel's Dream by Laurie Ann Thompson & Sean Qualls- We encourage parents and students to read and discuss this book together. The ideas contained in this book relate to the virtues work we have done throughout the year.
2. **at least** two different books from two different genres listed below.

The recommended book lists below have been created to spark the love of reading. We want each student to challenge him/herself to read as many different books from **at least two different genres** over the break and record each book on the reading log which can be downloaded from the website. Let's have some fun and get lost in our books this summer!

Encourage your child to extend his/her thinking and participate in some of the reading activities included on the website. You will also find a list of journal prompts to respond to in the summer journals received on the last day of school!

Please send any pictures of your child enjoying his/her reading to [dbelliveau@portergaud.edu](mailto:dbelliveau@portergaud.edu). We would love to showcase our summer readers around the Lower School when we return to school in the fall!

Each year the SC Association of School Librarians presents a Book Award to the favorite picture, children's, junior and young adult book as voted upon by the children of South Carolina. The lists of the 2021-2022 nominees can be [viewed here!](#) Mrs. Benson would love to have as many students as possible vote in the **Picture Book** and **Children's Book** Award categories next school year. To be qualified to vote, a student has to have read **five** books from the list. So please consider these as options to our Reading List. *Keep in mind, the Children's Book list has a range of 3rd through 6th grade novels and mature content may vary.*

Reading lists have been sent to the Charleston County Library branches and the local Barnes & Noble stores. They are also on the Porter-Gaud website under Lower School Reading Lists.

**When we return to campus in August,** students should bring all reading logs, completed activities, and journals. We also hope everyone brings a gently used/brand new copy of a favorite book read from over break. We will be collecting books and donating them to the Palmetto Project. We can't wait to share all of our favorite summer reads!

## **Historical fiction:**

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Mutiny's Daughter by Ann Rinaldi

Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner

Ninth Ward by Jewel Parker Rhodes

Bird in a Box by Andrea Davis Pinkney

Sylvia and Aki by Winifred Conkling

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord

The Hero Two Doors Down by Sharon Robinson

I Survived... by Lauren Tarshis (series)

Rodzina by Karen Cushman

How I Became a Spy by Deborah Hopkinson

## **Realistic fiction:**

Everest: The Contest by Gordon Korman

Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Niagara Falls, or Does it? by Henry Winkler

Hoot by Carl Hiassen

The Good Dog by Avi

Eyes on the Goal by John Coy

Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine

The Million Dollar Shot by Dan Gutman

## **Fantasy:**

The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks

Bunnicula by James Howe

The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary

The Witches by Roald Dahl

Sisters of Glass by Naomi Cyprus

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott

Lumberjanes: Unicorn Power by Mariko Tamaki

Dragonbreath by Ursula Vernon

## **Mystery:**

Nancy Drew series by Carolyn Keene

Hardy Boys series by Franklin Dixon

From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

Swindle by Gordon Korman

The 39 Clues: The Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan

Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett

Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh

Malcolm at Midnight by W.H. Beck

Girl Behind the Glass by Jan Kelley

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein

London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd

In addition to summer reading, please take the time to review the words your child practiced in third grade. This will help him/her to be better prepared for reading in fourth grade. Students should know how to READ and SPELL the following words:

above	against	almost	already	altogether	always	another	answer
anyone	around	because	bought	brother	brought	buy	bye
caught	don't	door	each	enough	even	father	friend
ghost	knock	listen	love	mother	odd	oil	page
parent	people	rough	shall	shoe	show	sister	sound
sure	talk	there	these	they're	thorough	though	thought
through	today	tough	toward	walk	we're	weren't	whom
world	you're						