



Summer 2023

Dear Incoming Fourth Grader,

One of the most important and enjoyable things we (as adults) look forward to every summer is **READING** for pleasure – we hope you do, too! **Do you know what the first step is to becoming a better reader? TO READ!** Your third graders teachers told us that you made so much progress in reading this year– **CONGRATULATIONS!** Here are some facts according to some recent research:

Most kids who don't read over the summer lose 2-3 months of reading achievement, whereas kids who read gain as much in reading achievement as students who attend summer school!

<http://kylenebeers.com/blog/2014/05/04/guidelines-for-summer-reading/>

We would like you to maintain your literacy skills, so we put together a list of our **favorite books and authors!** These are only suggestions, so you don't have to stick to only reading what's on this list. Your goal is simply **TO READ!** So, be sure to choose a “**just-right**” or “**easy**” book to enjoy independently. If you're interested in reading a “**challenging**” book – read it with your whole family! Take turns reading aloud to each other and then discuss what you're thinking about. What a wonderful family activity to do while traveling or relaxing! We are looking forward to hearing all about the literary adventures you went on! See you in September!

On the next page we have included a suggested list of fiction and nonfiction suggestions! Please consider *Flora and Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo!

Love,

Ms. Beiner and Mrs. Cirillo

FAVORITE FICTION TEXTS!

- ❖ A-Z Mysteries (series) by Ron Roy (N-30)
- ❖ The Mouse and the Motorcycle (series) by Beverly Cleary (O-34)
- ❖ Hank the Cowdog (series) by John Erickson (P-38)
- ❖ Help! I'm Trapped in...(series) by Todd Strasser (Q-40)
- ❖ Shiloh (series) by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (R-40)
- ❖ Percy Jackson & The Olympians (series) by Rick Riordan (S-40)
- ❖ The Chronicles of Narnia (series) by C.S. Lewis (T-50)

FAVORITE INFORMATIONAL TEXTS!

- ❖ All Pigs Are Beautiful by Dick King-Smith (N-30)
- ❖ Space Station Plot and Other Cases by Seymour Simon (O-34)
- ❖ Brainstorm by Tom Tucker (P-38)
- ❖ Finding the Titanic by Robert Ballard (Q-40)
- ❖ Can it Rain Cats and Dogs? Question And Answers About the Weather by Melvin Berger (R-40)
- ❖ A More Perfect Union: The Story of our Constitution by Betsy Maestro (S-40)
- ❖ Behind Rebel Lines: The Incredible Story of Emma Edmonds, Civil War Spy by Seymour Reit (T-40)
- ❖ Earthquakes by Seymour Simon (T-50)

FAVORITE AUTHORS!

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| ❖ David Adler | ❖ Gordon Korman |
| ❖ Beverly Cleary | ❖ Cynthia Rylant |
| ❖ Andrew Clements | ❖ Louis Sachar |
| ❖ Sharon Creech | ❖ Seymour Simon |
| ❖ Kate DiCamillo | ❖ E.B. White |

