



## **Summer Reading Grade 4**

Summer Reading is a tradition at Carrollton. Each year, reading lists are prepared for students to have an opportunity to choose from a variety of recommended books as well as the required books by grade level.

The required book(s) are the focus of discussion and testing beginning in August and completed during the first few weeks of school. Please make sure you have read the required reading before the start of school.

Each student will read at least three (3) books this summer.

Students are to read the one (1) required book and choose two (2) books from the suggested list that follows or any book of interest. The public library and bookstores also have wonderful selections.

### **Required Reading**

- **Flora and Ulysses: the illuminated adventures** by Kate DiCamillo  
A girl named Flora and a squirrel named Ulysses, whose life was saved by Flora after he was involved in an incident with a vacuum cleaner, team up to use Ulysses' superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak. Winner of the 2014 Newbery Award.

**CHOOSE TWO BOOKS OF INTEREST**

Books of interest – Does not have to be on this list:

- **Tales of a Fourth-Grade Nothing** by Judy Blume  
Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem.
- **The War that Saved My Life** (series) by Kimberly Brubaker  
A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother. Sequel: **The War I Finally Won.**
- **Tuesdays at the Castle** (series) by Jessica Day George  
Princess Celie loves Tuesdays at Castle Glower, because every Tuesday the castle adds a new room, a turret, or sometimes a whole new wing, and Celie likes to map the changes to the castle, but when her parents, King and Queen Glower are taken captive, it falls to Celie and her knowledge of the castle to defend their home and save the kingdom.
- **Amina's Voice** by Henna Khan  
A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community. Sequel: **Amina's Song**
- **Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls** (series) by Meg Cabot  
When nine-year-old Allie Finkle's parents announce that they are moving, Allie's sure her life is over. She's not at all happy about having to give up her modern life not to mention leaving her state-of-the-art school for a rundown, old-fashioned school.

- **Harriet the Spy** by Louise Fitzhugh  
Using her keen observation skills, 11-year-old Harriet M. Welsch writes down in her notebook what she considers the truth about everyone in and around her New York City neighborhood. When she loses track of her notebook, it ends up in the wrong hands, and before she can stop them, her friends read the sometimes awful things she's observed and written about each of them. How can Harriet find a way to keep her integrity and also put her life and her friendships back together?
- **Raymie Nightingale** (series) by Kate DiCamillo  
Hoping that if she wins a local beauty pageant her father will come home, Raymie practices twirling a baton and performing good deeds as she is drawn into an unlikely friendship with a drama queen and a saboteur in this unforgettable summer friendship. **Beverly, Right Here** and **Louisiana's Way Home** are the other two books in the series.
- **Moo** by Sharon Creech  
When Reena, her little brother, Luke, and their parents move to Maine, Reena doesn't know what to expect. She's ready for beaches, blueberries, and all the lobster she can eat. Instead, her parents "volunteer" Reena and Luke to work for a neighbor who has a pig, a cat, a snake, and that stubborn cow, Zora.
- **Under Pressure** (The Kickers series) by Alex Morgan  
The middle school soccer team is facing a lot of pressure to become league champions. Will they succeed?
- **The Fourteenth Goldfish** by Jennifer L. Holm  
Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging and consequently has turned into a teenager which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.

- **The Penderwicks** (series) by Jeanne Birdsall  
While vacationing with their father in the Berkshire mountains, four lovable sisters share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.
- **The ice cream machine** by Aaron Rubin  
A collection of six short stories featuring ice cream in a variety of genres.
- **The Wild Robot** by Peter Brown  
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. Continue the story where nature and technology collide in the sequel: **The Wild Robot Escapes**.
- **Warriors** (series) by Erin Hunter  
For generations, four Clans of wild cats have shared the forest according to the laws laid down by their ancestors. But now ThunderClan is in grave danger. Rival ShadowClan is growing stronger, a traitor may be hiding in their midst, and rising tensions threaten every cat in the forest.