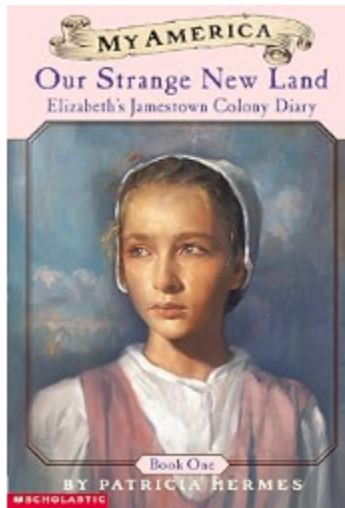


4th Grade Summer Reading

Our Strange New Land: Elizabeth's Jamestown Colony Diary, Book One (My America)
by Patricia Hermes

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Our Strange New Land, Elizabeth's Jamestown Colony Diary by Patricia Hermes is a historical fiction book written in diary form through the perspective of a child settler and her family's journey to Jamestown. This selection directly correlates to the fourth grade's social studies curriculum, which will begin in September with a study of early colonization in The New World. While this land was new and strange to settlers, it was already home to many indigenous Native American tribes. Students will learn about the Powhatan Tribe and Pocahontas, and their perspective and relationship with the settlers. If your child enjoys *Our Strange New Land*, you can choose to continue the trilogy by reading *The Starving Time* (book 2) and *Season of Promise* (book 3) by Patricia Hermes.

Optional Independent Summer Reading List

Atwater, Richard	<i>Mr. Popper's Penguins</i>
Avi	<i>Poppy or Windcatcher</i>
Banks, Lynne Reid	<i>Indian in the Cupboard</i>
Birdsall, Jeanne	<i>The Penderwicks</i>
Black & Diterlizzi	<i>Spiderwick Chronicles (Series)</i>
Blume, Judith	<i>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</i>
Bruchac, Joseph and Gayle Ross	<i>The Boy Who Lived with the Bears and Other Iroquois Stories*</i> <i>Arrow Over the Door*</i>
Burleigh, Robert	<i>Chocolate: Riches from the Rainforest*</i>
Chandra, Deborah	<i>George Washington's Teeth*</i>
Cleary, Beverly	<i>Mouse on a Motorcycle</i>
Clements, Andrew	<i>Frindle</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory or Fantastic Mr. Fox</i>
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>The Tale of Despereaux</i>

Farley, Walter	<i>Black Stallion</i>
Ferris, Jeri	<i>What Are You Figuring Now? A Story About Benjamin Banneker*</i>
Freedman, Russell	<i>Give me Liberty! The Story of the Declaration of Independence*</i>
Fritz, Jean	<i>And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?*</i>
Fuchs, Bernie	<i>Ride Like the Wind: A Tale of the Pony Express*</i>
Giblin, James	<i>The Amazing Life of Benjamin Franklin*</i>
Jacques, Brian	<i>Redwall (Series)</i>
Keene, Carolyn	<i>Nancy Drew (Series)</i>
Konigsburg, E.L.	<i>From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i>
Lofting, Hugh	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>
Lowry, Lois	<i>Number the Stars</i>
Lunge-Larsen, L.	<i>The Hidden Folk*</i>
Martin, J. B.	<i>Snowflake Bentley*</i>
Naylor, Phyllis	<i>Shiloh</i>
Parker, Robert A.	<i>To Fly: The Story of the Wright Brothers*</i>
Peterson, John Lawrence	<i>The Littles</i>
Platt, Richard	<i>Eureka! Great Inventions and How They Happened*</i>
Polacco, Patricia	<i>Thank You, Mr. Faulkner</i>
Reiche, Dietlof	<i>The Golden Hamster Saga</i>
Ryan, Pam Munoz	<i>Esperanza Rising</i>
Sachar, Louis	<i>Sideways Stories from the Wayside School (Series)</i>
Sobol, Donald J.	<i>Encyclopedia Brown (Series)</i>
Spedden, Daisy Corning Stone	<i>Polar, the Titanic Bear*</i>
Spinelle, Jerry	<i>Knots in My Yo-Yo String</i>
St. George, Judith	<i>So You Want to be President*</i>
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	<i>Little House on the Prairie (Series)</i>
Winthrop, Elizabeth	<i>Castle in the Attic</i>

* Indicates non-fiction, poetry or folk tales