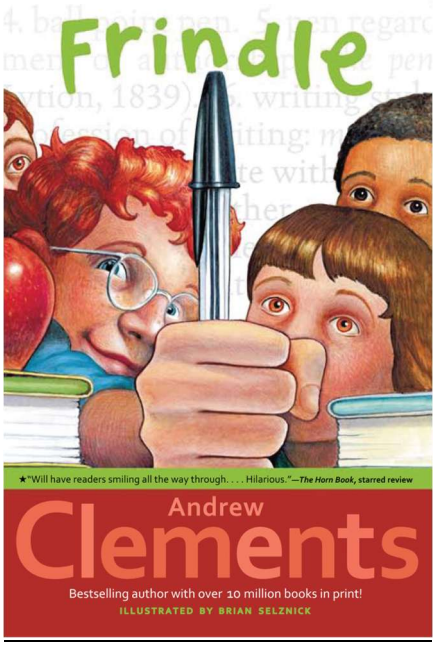
4th Grade Summer Reading Assignments

Parents, there are **2** summer reading assignments for upcoming fourth graders. One assignment is to read the required book and the other is to choose a second book from the given list to read and complete a project on. A detailed description of the projects are on the following pages.

The required book is *Frindle* by Andrew Clements.



Book 2 choice list:

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Matilda by Roald Dahl

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden

The Mouse with the Question Mark Tail by Richard Peck

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

After reading the second book, choose one of the following projects to complete on it:

A) Comic Strip Summary
B) Book in a Box

We will review the required book *Frindle,* when we return to school from the summer and there will be a test covering that book. No project is required for *Frindle.*

COMIC STRIP SUMMARY

The Project

- Create a comic strip that represents an important part or main event of the book. Then, explain your comic strip by writing a summary about it on loose leaf paper.

The Details

- Give your comic a title.
- Illustrate your comic strip using colored pencils, markers, etc. and include some characters using speech bubbles.
- Once you have completed your comic strip, write a short paragraph (at least 5 sentences) summary that tells who the characters are, what is happening in your comic, and why it is an important part of the book.
- Be creative and use your best handwriting!

Tips for Success

- ❏ Try to pick the most memorable or meaningful part of the book to represent in your comic.
- ❏ Indent your paragraph and be careful to use correct punctuation and capitalization.
- ❏ Attach your summary to your comic strip page.
- ❏ **Bring this page to school with your project.**

Name _____ **Due Date** _____

Title of Book _____

Comic title: _____

Your name: _____

Book in a Box

The Project

- Decorate a box to represent the book and fill it with objects that represent different parts of the book.

The Details

- You can use a shoebox, oatmeal canister, coffee can or other similar sized container for this.
- Decorate the outside and inside of your box to match your book. You can draw pictures, use magazine pictures, or photos from the internet. Be sure to include the title and author of the book on your box and your name.
- After the box is decorated, fill it with 6 different objects that represent different things from the book (setting, characters, main events, details, etc.) You may use pictures if the object you want to use is too big for your box.
- For each object you must have a notecard that explains what it is and how it is an important part of the book.

Tips for Success

- ❑ As you read the book, keep a list of objects you may want to use for the project.
- ❑ It is a good idea to find an object based on each chapter or on a certain chapter.
- ❑ If you use pictures, make them more durable by attaching them to the notecards.
- ❑ **Bring this page to school with your project.**

Name _____ **Due Date** _____

Title of Book _____