



Rising Fourth Grade

Summer Reading/ Writing



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Parents,

It is summertime! We always encourage you to enjoy the outdoors, swim, sleep in late, and be together as a family. We hope you have a wonderful few months ahead of you and that you can create many memories during this time. We also hope you spend some time keeping your child's memory fresh with all the important things they learned this past school year. We've tried to help you in that task by gathering summer worksheets for your child to complete. This packet includes writing assignments to go along with summer reading. Students will bring summer work to their classroom on the first day of school. By taking the time to do these over the summer, you are preparing your child for a great beginning to the fourth-grade year!

We pray that you have a fantastic summer. We pray for safe travels and relaxing nights. We pray for your child as they learn and grow. We look forward to seeing you this fall. Until then, enjoy summer!

Sincerely,
The Fourth Grade Team

Fourth grade is required to read *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo and a minimum of three other books.



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READING:

A great way to help yourself get excited about reading over the summer and not procrastinate until the last minute is to find a book that also comes with a corresponding unabridged audio-book. If you choose to listen to your book, you must also have a hard copy of the book in your hand and follow along in the reading with your eyes. I hope this idea helps you make the most of your time reading and makes it more fun, too!

WRITING:

Do you remember what it feels like when you come back to school in August, and the muscles in your fingers seem like they have forgotten how to write quickly and legibly? We've got a few writing assignments for you that will keep those muscles—and your brain muscle—in shape! The three books you choose to read determine the direction of your writing assignments. For each book (except *Because of Winn-Dixie*), you will read this summer you must complete one writing response. Please choose a different response for each book. You may write your response on paper or a computer. Your name must be on each. Here are your response options. Make sure to try a different one for each book!

1. Create a pennant for a book you loved! You can use the template included in this packet, or make a pennant of your own. The **front** should include the title of the book, the author's name, your name, and a neat picture/illustration you design about the story. The front should be colorful! On the **back**, write about your favorite part of the book. This should be at least three sentences long.
2. Write a paragraph with at least six sentences that either
 - a. gives your review of the book. What did you specifically like or not like?
 - b. describes a character in the book and explains three character traits.
3. Write a summary with at least eight sentences of the story. Include the main characters, setting, and what happens at the beginning, middle, and end of the book.

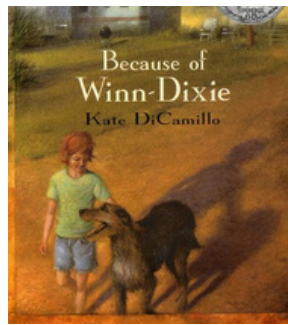


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Fourth Grade Summer Reading Recommendations

The following books are **suggestions** by the Fourth Grade Team to help your child prepare for the upcoming year. The incentive for summer reading in 4th grade is to instill the joy of reading in our students. **The goal is for each child to read at least 4 books, 1 required and 3 additional.** (Please note that although we encourage all books, graphic novels do not count as summer reading.) Happy reading!

REQUIRED READING



See the summer work packet
for reading assignments!

Because of Winn-Dixie
by Kate DiCamillo

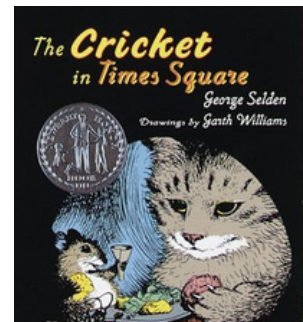
TEACHER FAVORITES



The Green Ember
(*The Green Ember* #1)
by S.D. Smith



Ramona Quimby, Age 8
(*Ramona Quimby* #6)
by Beverly Cleary



The Cricket in Times Square
(*Chester Cricket and His Friends* #1)
by George Selden



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Fiction

The One and Only Ivan (*The One and Only Ivan Series, Book 1 of 2*) by Katherine Applegate

Masterpiece by Elise Broach

Walking with Miss Millie by Tamara Bundy

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures by Kate DiCamillo

Turtle in Paradise (*Turtle in Paradise Series, Book 1 of 2*) by Jennifer L. Holm

Ella Enchanted (*Ella Enchanted Series, Book 1 of 3*) by Gail Carson Levine

Rules by Cynthia Lord

On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness (*The Wingfeather Saga, Book 1 of 4*) by Andrew Peterson

The Bad Beginning (*A Series of Unfortunate Events, Book 1 of 13*) by Lemony Snicket

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

Stuart Little by E.B. White

Holes (*Holes Series, Book 1 of 3*) by Louis Sachar

The Family Under the Bridge by Natalie Savage Carlson

The One and Only Bob (*The One and Only Ivan, Book 2 of 3*) by Applegate

Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner

Masterpiece by Elise Broach

Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare

Ways to Make Sunshine (*Ryan Hart Series, Book 1 of 2*) by Renée Watson

Little House in the Big Woods (*Little House Series, Book 1 of 9*) by Laura Ingalls Wilder

The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street; The Vanderbeekers and the Hidden Garden; The Vanderbeekers to the Rescue (*The Vanderbeekers Series, Book 1-3 of 5*) by Karina Yan Glaser

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (*Harry Potter Series, Book 1-2 of 7*) by J.K. Rowling

Spy Camp by Stuart Gibbs

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White

Humorous Fiction

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing; Superfudge (*Fudge Series, Books 1 and 3 of 5*) by Judy Blume

Frindle by Andrew Clements, Brian Selznick

No Talking by Andrew Clements

Runaway Ralph; Ralph S. Mouse (*Ralph S. Mouse Series, Books 2 and 3 of 3*) by Beverly Cleary

Ribsy (*Henry Huggins Series, Book 6 of 6*) by Beverly Cleary

Beezus and Ramona; Ramona and Her Father (*Ramona Quimby Series, Book 1 and 4 of 8*) by Beverly Cleary

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (*Charlie Bucket Series, Book 1 of 2*) by Roald Dahl

The BFG by Roald Dahl

The Lemonade War (*The Lemonade War Series, Book 1 of 5*) by Jacqueline Davies



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Adventure

Max Einstein: The Genius Experiment (*Max Einstein Series, Book 1 of 5*) by James Patterson, Chris Grabenstein

The Maze of Bones: One False Note (*The 39 Clues Series, Book 1 and 2 of 11*) by Rick Riordan; by Gordon Korman

Summer of the Woods (*The Virginia Mysteries Series, Book 1 of 9*) by Steven K. Smith

Adventures of the Greek Heroes by Anne M. Wiseman

Journey to the Bottomless Pit: The Story of Stephen Bishop & Mammoth Cave by Elizabeth Mitchell

Murder at the Museum by Alasdair Beckett-King

Sports

Tough to Tackle by Matt Christopher, Harvey Kidder

Baseball Fever by Johanna Hurwitz

Batting Order by Mike Lupica

The Extra Yard (*Home Team Series, Book 2 of 4*) by Mike Lupica

Shoeless Joe & Me (*Baseball Card Adventures Series, Book 4 of 12*) by Dan Gutman

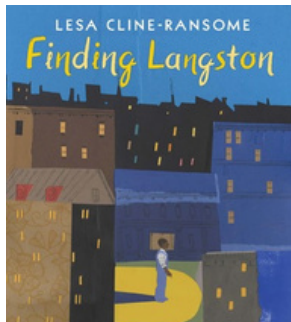
Stealing the Score by Sylvia Liu



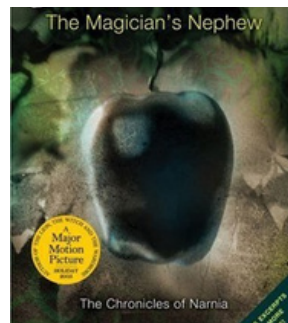
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BOOKS WE WILL READ TOGETHER THIS YEAR

These titles should be avoided for summer reading, as they will be delivered with textbooks and read during the school year. We look forward to reading these together this year!



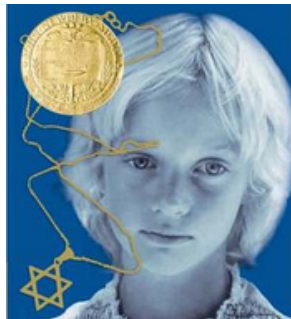
Finding Langston
(*Finding Langston* #1)
by Lesa Cline-Ransome



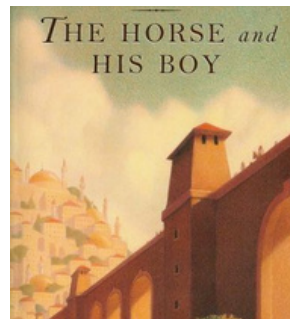
The Magician's Nephew
(*The Chronicles of Narnia* #1)
by C.S. Lewis



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



Number the Stars
by Lois Lowry



The Horse and His Boy
(*The Chronicles of Narnia* #3)
by C.S. Lewis



I Am Harriet Tubman
(*I Am* #6)
by Grace Norwich

Please note: These books are simply recommendations, listed in no particular order, for your convenience. We hope you will use these as a starting point to explore many new books together!



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John C. Edwards 373

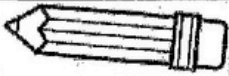
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Name _____

Date _____



Trace it &

Jesus Christ is the
same yesterday and
today and forever.
Matthew 13:8

Write it &



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Name _____

Date _____



Trace it &

Show me your writing,

show, teach me your

writing.

Write it &

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Name _____

Date _____



Trace it &

Alhazengeli does not lose

does not know God,

because God is large.

I believe 4.8

Write it &



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Name _____

Date _____



Trace it &

Do to others as you
would have them do
to you.

Luke 6:31

Write it &

