WESTCHESTER
COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

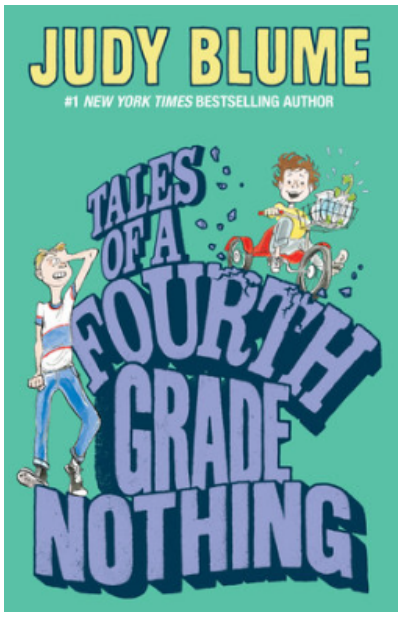
Rising 4th Grade Summer Reading

Dear Rising Fourth Graders and Families,

Summer is just around the corner, which means a season full of fun, adventures, and great books! Alongside your exciting plans, all incoming fourth graders will be required to read one book this summer.

Required Summer Reading:

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume



While only one book is required for summer reading, I will always encourage students to read more! That's why I've included an optional Summer Camp Reading Challenge.

To participate, students should work through the items listed on the reading challenge sheet, accessible at this link, and color in a star for each item completed. Books may count for more than one challenge. For example, reading an EBOB book outside can check off two at once!

Bring your colored reading challenge sheet to Meet the Teacher. I'll proudly display each student's summer reading journey in our classroom!

Need Reading Ideas?

Check out these great resources:

- 2026-2027 EBOB List – Explore exciting titles!
- Newbery Award Winners List – Discover award-winning stories!
- Little Free Library Map – Find and share books in your neighborhood!
- Select an audiobook to enjoy! Get free access to audiobooks through apps like Hoopla and Libby–all you need is a library card! These apps work on most smartphones and tablets, and Hoopla is also available through a web browser.

Books to Avoid (For Now)!

We'll explore some amazing stories together during the school year! To keep those reading experiences fresh and exciting, please hold off on reading the following titles this summer:

- *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio
- *Serafina and the Black Cloak* by Robert Beatty
- *Blue Birds* by Caroline Starr Rose
- *Wish* by Barbara O'Connor
- *Taffy of Torpedo Junction* by Nell Wise Wechter
- *The Witches, James and the Giant Peach, Matilda, Fantastic Mr. Fox,* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl

Thank you for helping me keep these books special for our upcoming classroom adventures!

Learn About North Carolina:

We'll be learning all about our amazing state in fourth grade! If you're curious to get a head start, check out these fun (and totally optional) nonfiction resources from Our State Magazine to explore this summer:

- Storytellers Podcast – Listen to articles from Our State Magazine!
- Photo Essay: Mountains to Sea Trail – Explore the iconic NC trail!
- North Carolina Icons – Discover what makes NC special!

Send Me a Postcard!

Speaking of adventures, will your family visit any interesting places around North Carolina this summer? I'd love to decorate our classroom with postcards from your travels around our beautiful state!

Mail to:

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I can't wait to hear about your summer reading adventures and see your postcards on display from across North Carolina when we return to school. Until then, happy reading, and let the adventures begin!

–Ms. Jennings