

Summer Reading Requirement for Rising Fourth Graders (2026–2027 School Year)

To help students continue practicing and strengthening their reading and writing skills over the summer, all rising fourth-grade students are required to complete a summer reading assignment. We encourage students to read thoughtfully and enjoy the adventure that each book brings!

This year's required reading will be selected from the upcoming *Battle of the Books* list. Each student must choose **two novels** from the list to read over the summer.

When school resumes in August, students will be expected to:

- Turn in the completed summer reading assignments for the 2 books on the first day of school
- Take AR (Accelerated Reader) tests on both books during the first week of school

Summer Reading Book Selection Guidelines:

This summer, you will choose two books to read as part of your *Battle of the Books* assignment.

1. Book One:

Choose a book that is within your AR reading level. This book should be read independently, without the aid of an audiobook.

2. Book Two:

Select a book slightly above your AR reading level to challenge yourself. You may read this book while listening to the audiobook, but the audiobook should be used as a support tool only—not as your sole method of reading.

Be sure to pick books that interest you and follow the additional instructions provided for completing your assignments.

Instructions:

After reading your two *Battle of the Books* novels, complete each section in neat handwriting using complete sentences. Be sure to use correct grammar and punctuation throughout. Typed responses will not be accepted.

Please write all of your responses and answers **on the attached lined paper**. Be sure to use your best handwriting and answer each question completely. Grammar counts! Remember to put your name on each cover page. Please staple the pages for each book assignment together in the correct order before turning them in.

Part 1: Book Information

1. **What** is the book's title?
2. **Who** is the author of the book?
3. How many pages are in the book?
4. **What** is the date that you completed this assignment?

Part 2: Summary Snapshot

5. **Write** a 1–2 paragraph summary of the book. Include the main characters, the setting, the main problem, and how the problem is resolved.

Part 3: Favorite Scene Snapshot

Choose your favorite part of the book.

6. **What** was your favorite part of the book? **Describe** it in detail.
7. **Why** was it your favorite part of the book? **Explain** what made it stand out to you.