

Summer Reading Information for Rising 4th Graders: Language Arts/Reading

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Dear Rising 4th Grader and Parent -

Studies reveal the best way to improve reading skills is to read literature of your choice at your own reading level. Incoming 4th graders are required to read **two books of their choice** this summer. **One needs to be any work of fiction, and the other needs to be any of the "Who Was..." biography books.** (These are part of a series of biographies by various authors and are easily attainable.

To find a fiction book at your level, you can search Scholastic's Book Wizard website page. On the Book Wizard page, type in the title or author, and a grade-level equivalent will appear for most books. If it says "3.1" that means third grade, first month. If it says "6.4" that means sixth grade, fourth month. If you need more guidance than just the grade level of a book, use the "five finger test." (See the following chart. This is not an exact science, but should help.)



After reading, ***please complete the attached activities: one for your fiction book, and one for your "Who Was" biography.*** This work is due the first week of school when you return in September.

Of course, reading more than two books during this long and lazy summer would be wonderful, as the surest way to avoid reading regression is to practice, practice, practice. I wish you a joyous and healthy summer. Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Armas

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