

Summer Reading and Enrichment

During the summer we encourage all of our students to read for enjoyment. This summer we are also requiring each class to read a book. The assigned book, listed below, will be discussed with each class at our return from summer vacation.

Entering 1st Grade - Digby and Kate and the Beautiful Day by Barbara Baker

Entering 2nd Grade - Nate the Great and the Lost List by Marjorie Weinman

Entering 3rd Grade - Summer Reading is Killing Me! By Jon Scieszka.

Entering 4th Grade - Skylark by Patricia MacLachlan

Besides reading, please consider purchasing one of the books listed below to support your child in maintaining their skills over the summer.

Summer Bridge Book

This book can be purchased at Learning How and most bookstores. Also they can be ordered at

http://www.schoodoodle.com/home/sch/smartlist_1085/summer_bridge_books.html

Summer Skills Book

This book is available from <http://www.summerskills.com/mathdetail.htm>

Below are listed some free educational websites you might find valuable to use over the summer with your children for enrichment. Of course, when working with free websites, often times one has to navigate around advertisements. I have found the websites listed below quite easy to pilot.

<http://www.bookadventure.com/>

<http://www.seaworld.org/>

<http://www.counton.org/>

<http://www.exploratorium.edu/>

<http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/>

<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/foreignlang.html>

<http://www.funbrain.com/>

Enjoy a wonderful summer!

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Summer Reading Recommendations For Incoming Fourth Grade

The following suggestions are made to serve as a guideline for parents in the selection of children's books for summer reading. It is hoped that as you browse through the library shelves that you may discover other books of even greater interest to you and your child.

Looking ahead to the fourth grade curriculum, you may also wish to select nonfiction books about the thirteen colonies and the state of Maryland (900s) and biographies on George Washington and Abraham Lincoln (B or BIO or 92), as well as other nonfiction books about science and animals (500s) arts & crafts, music, sports (700s) and poetry (800s). You may also wish to explore folk tales and fairy tales (398.2).

The following are a few suggestions of authors and books for incoming fourth grade. Please feel free to look for other books written by these same authors – as well as books written by the award-winning authors on the following pages.

Author	Fiction Title
Judy Blume	<u>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</u>
Clyde Bulla	<u>Shoeshine Girl</u>
Oliver Butterworth	<u>The Enormous Egg</u>
Eleanor Coerr	<u>Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes</u>
Pam Conrad	<u>Staying Nine</u>
Roald Dahl	<u>James and the Giant Peach</u>
Eleanor Estes	<u>One Hundred Dresses</u>
Sid Fleischman	<u>The Midnight Horse</u>
Gordon Korman	<u>Swindle</u>
Robert Lawson	<u>Rabbit Hill</u> and <u>Ben and Me</u>
Bette Bao Lord	<u>The Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson</u>
Lois Lowry	<u>Atta Boy Sam</u>
Jean O'Connell	<u>The Doll House Caper</u>
Barbara Park	<u>Skinnybones</u>
Daniel M. Pinkwater	<u>Fat Men From Outer Space</u>
Keith Robertson	<u>Henry Reed's Big Show</u>
Susan Sharpe	<u>The Waterman's Boy</u>
Louise R. Shotwell	<u>Roosevelt Grady</u>
Yoshiko Uchida	<u>The Jar of Dreams</u>

Author	Series
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Jodi Lynn Anderson	<u>Maybird Series</u>
Michael Buckley	<u>The Sister's Grimm Series</u>
Matt Christopher	Sports books
Beverly Cleary	<u>Ramona, Henry, and Ribsy Series</u>
Walter Farley	<u>Black Stallion Series</u>
Patricia Riley Giff	Humorous books
Margaret Peterson Haddix	Science Fiction
Marguerite Henry	Horse books
Gordon Korman	Humerous books
Maud Hart Lovelace	<u>Betsy and Tacy Series</u>
Barbara Park	Realistic Fiction
Linda Sue Park	Multicultural Fiction
Laura Ingalls Wilder	<u>Little House Series</u>
Deborah Nourse Lattimore	Multicultural Fiction
Alfred Slote	Science Fiction

Mystery Series

Author	Series
Margaret Peterson Haddix	Mysteries
Mary Downing Hahn	Mysteries
E. W. Hildeck	Mysteries
James Howe	<u>Sebastian Barth Mysteries</u>
Carolyn Keene	<u>Nancy Drew Files</u>
Betty Ren Wright	Mysteries

Nonfiction

Author	Series
Susan Campbell Bartoletti	Nonfiction
Jean Fritz	Biographies
Jim Haskins	Nonfiction
Jack Denton Scott	Science
Millicent Selsam	Science
Seymour Simon	Science
Herbert Zim	Science

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