



Required 4th Grade Summer Reading

3 books

Please choose books that have not been previously read.

It is important to give children dominion in the area of reading. This will contribute in important ways to their future success in, and enjoyment of the written word. Please keep in mind that a child's Listening Vocabulary is much higher than her Reading Vocabulary. Thus, you can read a book to her which is far above her own reading level, and she will be able to understand it. You may choose certain selections for family read-aloud. When reading to children, it is critical to keep the length appropriate. After reading a short passage, we suggest that you informally ask your child to tell back what he or she has heard, in order to improve comprehension, sequencing, synthesis, concentration, and enjoyment. You may also want to take a turn to narrate! Do not do this in a heavy-handed way, but rather with joy and enthusiasm, informally. Do not make it into a chore, or necessarily do it every time, or the child may come to not enjoy it. There are obviously many more good books that are available. This list is only the beginning! Your librarian can assist you if you tell the type of literature you desire. The terminology they will best understand is "classic literature." Remember, with regard to all book suggestions, that it is always your responsibility as the parent to assess a book's suitability for you and your family. We have included books which employ fantastical themes, due to the fact that we encourage children to enjoy the proper use of imagination. This is an important aspect of development, and one in which parents are urged to give their child guidance. That is, your child will be looking to you to help define the lines of fantasy verses reality and the proper guidelines therein. Some of these books may not be available in libraries, but it is always a good idea to request that they purchase them. There is a current trend in public libraries to purge many of the good, old classics. By requesting them, this is a way that we can change our culture for the good. If they are not in your local library, you may want to check used bookstores. Enjoy!

On the sheet enclosed, please keep track of the books your child reads, or those that you have read to him or her this summer. You will give this record to your child's teacher at the beginning of school. Thank you.



Summer Reading List for Rising Fourth Grade Students

Atwater, Richard and Florence
Bernard, Charlotte
Brady, Esther Wood
Canfield, Dorothy
Carlson, L.

Chrisp, Peter
Cleary, Beverly
Cox, Reg and Harris, Neil
Crosher, Judith
Estes, Eleanor
Fritz, Jean
Golenbock, Peter
Goor, Ron and Nancy
Gottlieb, Gerald
Gross, Virginia

Harris, Nathaniel
Haywood, Carolyn
Hicks, Peter
Holling, Holling Clancy
Hope, Laura Lee
Kipling, Rudyard
Knight, Eric
Konigsburg, E.L.
Langley, Andrew and de Souza, Philip
Lawson, Robert
Lewis, C.S.
Little, Jean
Lowry, Lois
McCloskey, Robert
MacDonald, Fiona and Bergin, Mark
Mann, Elizabeth
Margeurite, Henry
Marston, Elsa
Meigs, Cornelia
Millard, Anne
Montgomery, Lucy Maude
Morley/James
Norton, Mary
Powell, Anton and Steele, Philip
Robinson, Barbara

Mr. Popper's Penguins
Caesar and Rome
Toliver's Secret
Understood Betsy
Classical Kids: An Activity Guide to Life in Ancient Greece and Rome
The Parthenon
Henry Huggins and other titles
The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World
Ancient Egypt
Hundred Dresses, The Moffats, The Moffat Museum
The Cabin Faced West and other titles
Teammates
Pompeii
The Adventures of Ulysses
It's Only Goodbye: An Immigrant Story, Once Upon America Series
Everyday Life in Ancient Egypt
Back to School with Betsy
The Romans
Paddle-to-the-Sea
The Bobbsey Twins of Lakeport and sequels
Rikki-Tikki-Tavi
Lassie Come Home
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil Frankweiler
The Roman News
Mr.Revere and I
The Chronicles of Narnia
From Anna
Number the Stars
Time of Wonder, Homer Price
A Greek Temple
The Great Pyramid
Misty of Chincoteague and other titles
The Ancient Egyptians
Invincible Louisa: A Biography of Louisa May Alcott
The Atlas of Ancient Worlds
Anne of Green Gables
A Roman Villa
The Borrowers
The Greek News
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Ryrie, Carol
Schoefield, Louise
Sobol, Donald J.
Steele, Philip
Stevenson, Robert Louis
Travers, P.L.
Warner, Gertrude Chandler
Whelan, Gloria
White, E.B.
Wiggin
Wilder, Laura Ingalls
William Anderson
Wroble, Lisa A.
Wyeth, Sharon Dennis
America Series
Wyss, Johann David
Yates
Yates, Elizabeth

Caddie Woodlawn
Ancient Greece
Encyclopedia Brown: Boy Detective
Clothes and Crafts in Roman Times
A Child's Garden of Verses
Mary Poppins
The Boxcar Children
Hannah, Stepping Stone Series
Trumpet of the Swan
Birds' Christmas Carol
On the Banks of Plum Creek and other titles
Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Biography
Kids in Ancient Greece
Message in the Sky: Corey's Underground Railroad Diary, Dear

Swiss Family Robinson
Carolina's Courage
Amos Fortune, Free Man